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THE GLAD TIDINGS

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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A Message for the Opening Year

"Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us
Hushing every fear,
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice
Tender, strong and faithful
Making us rejoice."

AT the threshold of 1927, it is natural to cast a backward glance along the path that we have travelled together in the W.M.S. during the past year. We glimpse the places with pebbles and perhaps even stones that have wearied feet and heart; we see the kindly sheltered spots of soul refreshment, the valleys of happiness, the hilltop of achievement, and for all we thank God. Some of our number have borne heavy burdens, but in cheerful trust all have pressed on, led by the Heavenly Father. The sacrificial spirit of so great a number has brought blessing to thousands at home and abroad.

Now, as we enter the portal of the New Year, the comforting word of the Master greets us.

"I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid,
I will help and strengthen
Be thou not dismayed."

Courageous are our hearts when He speaks. Even though at times the passage may be through the sorrowed dark, He will give light and joy.

Into whatsoever room He leads us, it is His appointment. Be it work room, recreation hall, chamber of sorrow, gallery of song, temple of worship, in each let us serve Him.

Each day let us praise Him in sincerity and in cheerfulness. Insincerity and gloom repel. Both become stumbling blocks to others. Once, long after Jesus lived on earth, Mohammed came in touch with men called followers of Christ who displayed little of the Christ spirit. Had they so lived the Christ life that Mohammed would have caught the true vision how different would have been the history of one-seventh of the human race!

To-day the leaders of to-morrow are about us. How shall they lead? Long ago men prayed that the sore of slavery might be healed and a Livingstone in Africa and Lincoln in America were the answer. Let us too pray, that from among these young people there may arise more of the Lord's Emancipators to set free, in His name, those enslaved in ignorance, superstition and sin. "Ye are the Lord's Remembrancers."

Mary C. McCarroll.

Editorial

Pray Ye Therefore—Realizing that the great necessity of the hour is for a new consecration to the ministry of prayer, we commend to our members, for use during the opening week of the New Year, the beautiful prayer service which is to be found in this number.

The Blue Banner, a twelve page magazine, issued by the Boys' Club of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, in honor of the dedication of their new Church, is a most interesting publication, featuring as it does every department of their Church work. Prefacing the story of their W.M.S. is the statement, that one of the traditions of the Presbyterian Church has been its zeal for missions. It then relates that when St. Andrew's congregation was started, although without Church or manse, one of the first organizations to be formed was an Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society. Twenty-six women attended the first meeting. The present membership is forty with an average attendance of thirty-two and gifts for the first two quarters amounting to $114.10. Saskatoon has three Presbyterian Churches, and St. Andrew's, in addition to its own Sunday School, has already established three branch Schools in outlying parts of the city. Speaking of the Dominion outlook of the W.M.S., *The Blue Banner* says: "Another interesting undertaking in connection with our W.M.S. work is the building of a School Home in Saskatoon for girls. We are glad to have a part in this splendid work and hope it may prove of great benefit to the young girls of our Church and province. In this way we hope to promote a missionary spirit in their lives that they may carry on the work. We were glad to welcome our Field Secretary, Miss Violet Scott, to our province, and feel assured she will bring encouragement to our women in many places. We look for great results from her work. As an Auxiliary we feel it a privilege to be linked up with this great company of 35,000 women, reaching from ocean to ocean with our motto, 'The World for Christ'."

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS TRAINING HOME has moved to larger quarters at 104 Bedford Road, Toronto, and has been officially opened. On Saturday afternoon, December 4th, the women of the Presbyterian Churches in Toronto had the opportunity of seeing through this well-equipped twelve-roomed house and of meeting the students in training for deaconess and missionary work. There are nine girls in residence. One is from British Columbia, two are from Saskatchewan, two from Quebec and four from Ontario. One of the students from Saskatchewan is a Ukrainian, and is preparing to serve among her own people, four other students are preparing themselves for overseas service.

SOUTH PORCUPINE HOSPITAL REPORTS that already they have had one hundred and fifty-six patients and are hoping to reach the two hundred before the year is out. The Hospital Auxiliary held a fruit shower at the hospital recently and they got about fifty quarts of fruit and pickles. All the guests expressed their delight at the new sun rooms and furnishings.

WE WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CHANGE of the President of Saskatchewan Provincial from Mrs. W. A. Cameron to Mrs. W. G. Brown of Saskatoon. In May, Mrs. Cameron asked to be relieved of the responsibility of office and later, on the doctor's advice, her request was reluctantly granted. Mrs. Brown, the first Vice-President, has been acting ever since. Her knowledge and experience, gained on the Alberta Board, has enabled her to guide those officers who were unfamiliar with the work.

OUR FIELD SECRETARIES have been appearing in a new rôle. Learning that the Presbyterians of Penhold were disappointed in the programme for their annual chicken supper, Miss Pelton, who had a few days off between trips, offered to go up and give them some readings, and Miss Scott, who was coming from Calgary, consented to sing. The committee was delighted. The affair went off with great gusto, and over eighty dollars were realized. Bravo Field Secretaries!

BEFORE THE OLD YEAR ENDED, our Council Executive received a delightful message of good wishes for the new. It came all the way from Queensland, and this is what it said:

"At the beginning of a new year, our 'Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union' sends you sisterly greetings. 'Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.' We rejoice with you in your forward movements, and sincerely thank you for the publication, *The Glad Tidings*, which comes so regularly, and for which we are very grateful."

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY is extended to our beloved missionary, Miss Agnes I. Dickson, of South China, who has lost her father. In this, her hour of sorrow, we would all bear her on our hearts in prayer.

WORD HAS COME TO US of the death in New Zealand of Mrs. A. Kaye, formerly editress of the *Harvest Field*, the official organ of the Presbyterian Missionary Union of New Zealand. In 1919, Mrs. Kaye visited Canada and was a welcome guest at the Board meeting. We remember her interesting

description of the work of their Society and its aim—to educate the women to their financial obligations, and in systematic prayer for missions. Mrs. Kaye spent her life and talents for the good and uplift of those about her and we would extend our sympathy to those who miss and mourn a beloved colleague.

MISS VIOLET SCOTT is doing splendid work in Saskatchewan. Everyone was expecting a lady with grey hair. Her bright charming manner is winning friends for her and the work wherever she goes. Both Mrs. Brown and Miss Scott gave splendid addresses before the Synod, and were well received.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE that the Annual Council of the W.M.S. will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ontario, May 26 to 30, 1927.

A Summary of Achievements

IT has been said that "each day as it comes is but a door through which we step forward into a to-morrow. And, too, each is the sum of all the yesterdays that have lived their little round of sunshine and starlight and departed."

The year 1926 with its 365 opportunities is past, and 1927 with 365 more beginnings and endings lies before us. What it will hold of achievement depends largely on what we have done with the 365 opportunities of the past year—what objective we have gained or missed, what advances we have made or lost, what service we have given or withheld—and what we have set ourselves to do in 1927. That we may know what the sum of our attainments in 1926 was, and wherein we have advanced, a brief summary of facts is given. Unfortunately, figures cannot appear as the official returns are not yet available.

Beginning at the foundation—the membership—we build stone on stone until the edifice stands complete with its service flag, floating above, on which are inscribed the names of our missionary workers.

Membership.—The 33,415 members reported in December 31st, 1925, have increased, in some cases fifty, sixty and one hundred fold.

Branches.—Auxiliaries, Y. W. Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups and Associate Societies, numbering 1,201 at the first of 1926 have all reported additions. From one western province alone, one of our Field Secretaries has just sent in a list of twenty new Mission Bands and Young People's organizations.

Field Secretaries.—A decided forward movement has been made in this department in the appointment of three more field workers—making four in all. This was a big advance but it was felt that, this year, while our

missionary work was not all with us, we should give more than usual help to scattered places and Minority Groups, and results have fully justified our decision. One of these Secretaries devotes her entire time to the young people, and is known as the Girls' Work Secretary. In her appointment the Church shares equally with the W.M.S.

Student Department.—A growing interest in missions is being shown by the students which, we hope, will lead eventually to service.

Candidate Department.—A call has gone forth for a teacher and nurse for Gwalior, a nurse for Korea, a kindergarten teacher for Formosa, and a high school teacher for British Guiana. These have all been estimated for. Teachers, nurses, deaconesses, matrons and Welcome and Welfare workers are also required to fill vacancies in our national work and meet possible expansion.

Library Work.—This department has provided 31 pulpit Bibles for Minority Groups, also hymn books, and thousands of magazines and papers for needy points.

Supplies.—The people have plied their needles faithfully. All requirements have been met and quantities of splendid supplies are ready for the institutions in Canada which are to be apportioned by the Federal Commission to our W.M.S.

The Lantern Slide Department has prepared slides and lecturettes on all our work. These may be obtained from the Lantern Secretaries of each province on payment of express charges both ways.

Frontier Hospitals.—An eight bed hospital with a staff of three nurses has been opened at South Porcupine, Ont., and a hospital unit established at Fort McMurray, 300 miles north of Edmonton.

School Homes.—The number of pupils attending the "Presbyterian School Home" at New Liskeard has almost doubled. The fine new School Home, erected in a choice location in the city of Saskatoon, is nearing completion. It will accommodate forty girls. Its establishment is an outstanding achievement.

Social Service.—Immigration and port work has been strengthened by the addition of a third worker. Miss Scott, at Quebec, reports having met 149 ships and 11,800 Presbyterians. Both Vancouver and Winnipeg have been supplied with a deaconess at large, and North Bay, Cochrane and outside points have benefited from the services of similar workers for varying periods. The Hamilton appointment, of 1925, continues, so also does that of our Hospital Visitor, in Toronto. Gonor, Man., is splendidly served by our "All People's Mission."

Chinese in Canada.—One full time worker is serving in Montreal; one in Toronto; three in Victoria, a qualified kindergarten teacher being a new appointee; two in Vancouver, both new. In addition, our South China missionaries, home on furlough, have visited the Chinese women in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. In the towns and cities of Eastern Ontario a

fine piece of voluntary work has been done by Miss Davies, of Brockville.

Jewish Work.—A second full time worker has been added and assistance given to the summer camp at Grimsby.

Persian Work.—Our ordained missionary has continued his ministry to his people in North Battleford, Sask.

Publications.—We have outgrown our first office and now occupy one suitable for the handling of our ever increasing stock of publications and large enough for committee meetings and staff offices. A stenographer has been added to take full charge of the huge immigration lists in connection with the Welcome and Welfare work, and to lift some of the strain off the Secretaries of the Council Executive. This workshop of the Society has turned out, the Annual Report, The New Story Book for Children, Study Programmes for Teen-Age Girls, Our Thank-offering Leaflet, and the *Glad Tidings.*

The "Glad Tidings."—In eighteen months it has grown from a sixteen to a thirty-two page magazine and two issues had forty pages. Paid subscribers number 19,000. The objective for 1927 is 25,000.

India.—Here we have strengthened our forces by appointing two splendidly equipped missionaries to the Bhil field and two new missionaries to Gwalior.

China.—Two experienced missionaries, equipped with the language have been added to the staff in Honan.

South China.—We have assumed the salary of Dr. Jessie MacBean at Hackett Medical College, Canton, a fine interdenominational institution, and also given a unit of support of $1000.

Formosa.—Mrs. Belle Koa, a daughter of George Leslie Mackay, the founder of the mission, has been appointed an evangelistic missionary.

Japan.—Widening work among factory girls in Tokyo has been met by the W.M.S. grant of $2,000.00 to Dr. Caroline Macdonald.

Treasury.—The sum of $150,000.00 was allocated to our branches in 1926. Beginning as we did with some $2,000.00 on June 10th, 1925, the increase speaks for itself. To the loyalty, faithfulness, and prayers of our members, the year's achievements are attributed.

MEMBERS OF STAFF

India.—Miss Bertha Robson, Miss Ruth Buchanan, Miss Christine Maxwell (Amkhut); Miss Annie L. Whatling and Miss Irene Stringer (Gwalior).

China.—Miss Anna C. A. Cook, Miss Jean Graham (Honan); Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss Luella Crockett, Miss Ethel Reid (South China).

Formosa.*—Which has been given to us by the Commission includes the following staff: Miss Jane M. Kinney, Miss Hanna Connell, Miss

*There has not been time to hear from these missionaries in response to a cable which has been sent inviting them all to remain with the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church.

Mabel Clazie (Tamsui); Mrs. Wm. Gauld, Miss Lily Adair, Miss Isabel Elliott, Miss Jennie Hotson, Miss Mary T. Haig, Miss Gretta Gauld, Dr. Flora Gauld, and Miss Annie Senior (Taihoku). We have appointed Mrs. Bella Koa to our staff.

Chinese in Canada.—Miss Agnes I. Dickson (Toronto); Miss Mary Hugill (Montreal); Mrs. Ewen McQueen, Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Lily Chan (Victoria); Miss Gertrude Lawrence and Miss Ida Woo (Vancouver); Miss H. W. Davies (Brockville), (Honorarium).

Persians.—Rev. E. O. Eshoo (North Battleford, Sask.)

Hospitals.—Miss Olive Ross (Fort McMurray); Miss Annie E. Chambers, Miss M. Cuddy and Mrs. H. C. Jones (South Porcupine).

School Homes.—Miss Janet Manson (New Liskeard).

Social Service: Immigration.—Miss L. McArthur and Miss Iris Munro (Montreal); Miss R. R. Scott (Quebec).

Jewish Work.—Miss Danielda McDonald and Miss E. Gunn (Toronto).

Deaconess.—Miss M. Allen (Hamilton); Miss S. M. Livingstone (Winnipeg); Mrs. Mary McKenzie (Gonor); Mrs. J. F. McLean (Vancouver).

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China in Wartime

Miss Anna C. A. Cook

NOTWITHSTANDING apparent difficulties and daily rumors of floods, rains, washed-away roads and many robberies, two of us, two—mere women—made preparation for a tour among a number of out-stations.

The district, through which we were to travel, though every summer troubled with floods, was now suffering from the worst one in fifty years. We chartered a small house-boat, which would take us through the flooded regions to a district, where the water had done less harm to roads and where some land travel was possible. We followed the famous Grand Canal for some hours, then our boat simply passed through one of the big streaks of the East-dike and took her way over the submerged fields for the remaining three days' water trip.

Everywhere one looked there was water. A drowned body floated by; nobody seemed to wonder or care. Trees, sticking out of the water, showed

where hamlets and villages had been, some treetops in a line indicated a road. The deadness and desolation of those wide stretches of water, led us to think of all the suffering, despair and disappointment of those steady, hard-working farmers, who in these regions in the best of times have such a struggle to exist, and now to see not only their fields bare and fruitless for at least one or two seasons, but even their chocolate houses melted away; no food, no roof, and a severe winter ahead. Possibly, there are families which have saved enough grain to last for a few months, but thousands and thousands will face sure starvation. And yet, as they stood there on those mudheaps, some old mats or a piece of the remaining roof as their only dwelling, they did not appear to be as desperate as one would have expected. And just that subdued expression on their faces made them look even more pathetic. "Fate has wanted it so" and on that thought they rest and no effort is made to prevent those repeated disasters.

And what about our comforts, or some might call them "discomforts," in our low, five by six foot shiphole? They really are not worth while mentioning. When we see such indescribable conditions and realize the still worse future for these thousands of fellow-creatures, should we call it so bad, when we have to live with eleven people for three days in rather close quarters? We had our bedding to sit on and were almost protected against rain. Only we became somewhat stiff and cramped, as we could not stand up or walk. We had unusually good practise though in creeping through our hole, which reminded us for some days that we had knees!

The first day the weather was fine; the second day it rained so hard that we had to share our limited space with two men. Also the boat family, five in number, huddled as close together as they could, to keep dry, not to speak of the numerous flies, which always seem to like crowded spots. After dark we stopped at a lonely house where the men found a shelter for the night. Their going enabled us to spread out our bedding on the floor and stretch our legs.

The condition of the country through which we sailed the third day, was a great improvement to the district around Tsining. Although there was much flooded land it was a relief to see dry fields and to pass by some villages in good shape.

One incident on our way I should not omit to mention. The water-covered fields over which we sailed the first day, were infested with pirates. In the afternoon a rowboat with two men passengers came alongside our ship and the men boarded her without any excuses. No objection to this was made by the boatmen, which I thought was unusual. I was not surprised any more, when I was informed that they were pirates. On seeing us, they very graciously assured us, that because we were women who preached the Gospel and did good, they would not molest us. After a short

while another boat came along, which they ordered to stop and to take them on board. One of them was rather kind and smiled, the other scowled. I suppose the last one was sorry to feel obliged to let such a good chance go; the first one perhaps smiled, because he was glad, that he had added for once a good deed to his many evil ones. And we were thankful to see the Lord's protecting hand so lovingly over us.

To give you an account of our doings at every village would be rather monotonous, but life in China is monotonous only when we are no despisers of the "days of small things." We find plenty of interest among the country women and many reasons to be hopeful and happy. To see some of those women, with their tiny, unsteady feet, wading through muddy paths for an hour and longer and still arriving with a beaming face, just to see you! Is not that encouraging? And we know, it is not only to see their foreign friend; but it is true interest in the Gospel message, which prompts them to make such efforts.

We went to several centres, staying a few days at each. Over and over again we realized the deep, dense darkness of heathenism. What does the message of John 3:16 mean to people who do not know that they have a Creator, before whom they are guilty? Only after God has convicted the human heart of that guilt has the message of forgiveness of a loving Saviour any meaning. But, we are glad to tell, there were such souls, in fact, we met with all stages—the darkened, who needed enlightenment, the believers, who needed help and instruction and even those who confessed with tears in their eyes, that they had grown indifferent, but wished for help and renewing of fellowship with the Lord. But what would be left of the faith of the average Christian among us, if in six, seven, or in some places eight years, no one had come to teach us, to have a prayer, to read one portion of scripture? Much more? Maybe less!

So this month was a time of sowing, reaping and restoring. How wonderful, that by God's grace, human creatures are entrusted with such a calling!

On our way home we again met with robbers. This time they seemed to mean business. Three of them, fire-arms pointed at us, commanded our boat to stop, right in the middle of a big lake. They boarded and began to search through our belongings for silver dollars. We handed over our money, hoping they would leave us at that, but they were not satisfied.

The Lord kept me calm and this helped me to answer pleasantly and clearly to their many questions about our things, which kept them in a good humour for a long time. Whatever their hearts desired, we presented to them in the most friendly manner, but they were not prepared to take bulky things along and demanded more money. We had not a cent left, but they did not believe it and became angry and ugly. They threatened

to beat us if I did not tell them where the money was hidden, and twice held the pistol right before my head. All this seemed not to disturb me very much, until they conferred together to carry one of us off for ransom, for which they would have chosen me, as they took me for the leader of the party. On hearing this threat I felt my self-control almost failing and I began to tremble somewhat.

Right there the Lord restrained their evil intentions and they comforted themselves by once more making a thorough search through our things, of which they threw armfuls into the boat . They bade good-by and to our surprise they started to return several articles, so that after all, I only lost a little over thirty dollars and the other lady about ten dollars. The Chinese Bible-woman, who travelled with us, lost nothing. You can imagine how grateful we were to arrive safe and well in Tsining that night; it might have been entirely different. A good introduction to famous Shantung, don't you think so?

Convention of Eastern Canada Chinese Mission

MRS. W. G. HANNA

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the Eastern Canada Chinese Mission met in Ottawa, November 6th to 8th.

There were one hundred and thirty delegates present. Eighty-three of these were from outside points as far separated as Windsor and Montreal. About one-third of the delegates were Chinese and they took a prominent part in the Convention. Indeed, three-fourths of the addresses were given by Chinese.

The Chinese Consul-General showed a most friendly interest, attending several sessions, giving two addresses and taking part in the discussions. He paid very high tribute to the teachings and principles of Christ.

The Nationalistic League sent a representation to bring greetings. They seemed much impressed, remaining for several sessions and expressing the opinion that they should help in every way this good work being done for their fellow countrymen.

Excellent addresses were given by Mr. W. B. Djang, B.A., from Shantung University, at present a theological student in Toronto.

The messages in song given by Mrs. James Lee, the first Chinese girl born in Montreal, added much to the spirit of the meetings. Some little Chinese girls from Brockville also sang very sweetly.

Our Presbyterian Church was well represented, having forty-three delegates. Miss Hugill, our worker among Chinese in Montreal, and Miss Reid, of South China, gave addresses. Mr. and Mrs. Laing, of Windsor,

Miss Davies, of Brockville; Mr. Ellis, of Ottawa, Mr. Gordon Taylor, of Kingston, Miss Lambert, Mr. Hammond and others from Toronto, faithful workers in our Chinese Sunday Schools, were also present and gave much help. Mrs. W. G. Hanna, Secretary of Orientals' work in Canada, brought greetings from the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

The spirit of the Convention was very fine. We met together not as Canadians and Chinese, but as Christian friends. The problems affecting the work among Chinese, the anti-foreign agitation in China, and our too stringent immigration laws, were frankly discussed. We felt our Chinese friends took us into their confidence, sure of our sympathetic interest, and we were able to get one another's point of view in a larger measure than ever before. We feel sure much blessing to the work will result from this conference.

A New Year's Call to Service

MRS. J. W. DILL

THE gathering together of our boys and girls to take part in the greatest of life's adventures—the missionary—is the service we would ask this new year. We all realize the importance of the formative period in the lives of our children and the value of early impressions on mind and heart, so we plead for the organization of Mission Bands.

At the close of 1926, we had 660 Auxiliaries, but only 297 Bands. Do we aim too high when we have as our ideal an equal number of Auxiliaries and Bands?

We know the disadvantages under which our women labor, especially in rural sections where there are Minority Groups without a Church in which to gather the children for a Mission Band meeting, but need will ever find a way. Your Secretary was privileged to meet with such a group—one of about 100—at a Sunday evening service. This was conducted in the home of one of our farmers. Sunday School was held before the service. Every organization of our W.M.S. was represented, and Mission Band meetings were held during the week. The vision of service that came to me then I will pass on. I saw large, well-heated farm kitchens and boys and girls gathered there, learning of our great missionary endeavor, and with busy fingers working for the welfare and happiness of "others."

Is this not a vision of service for the women whose duties are primarily in the home—the gathering of their own and other children of our Church together for the service they can render, yes! delight to render—in the name of "The Children's Friend?" Dear mothers of the Church in which our children will one day fill our vacant places, will

you not answer this call to service, and help us reach our ideal—a Mission Band in every Church. We must never forget, that upon the mothers especially, our Church depends for its future ministers and missionaries.

Jewish Notes

"PROFESSOR SELLIN, the archæologist, is satisfied that he has unearthed Abraham's altar and Joseph's tomb in Shechem.

The greater part of the third, or Agrippa wall, of Jerusalem has lately been uncovered by excavation work."—*Trusting and Toiling.*

"The Hadassah Woman's Organization and the Committee of Jewish Physicians of America have started a movement to raise a fund of one million dollars to build new hospitals in Jerusalem with the latest modern improvements. One of these new hospitals will be in connection with the Hebrew University and will be a part of the medical department of the university. It is understood that the greatest need for hospitals is in the valley of Jezreel, the present centre of Jewish colonization. It is also planned to build a sanatorium for tuberculous patients."—*The Chosen People.*

"In three generations America can absorb every nationality except the Jewish."—*Dr. Campbell Morgan.*

The late Dr. A. T. Pierson once said, "The grandest epoch of missions will not begin until God's church undertakes to do as Christ bade her, beginning at Jerusalem."

"What seems without question to be the most remarkable Christian missionary work in the world to-day is the present progress and promise of the Gospel among the Jews of Russia and Eastern Europe. It is not that some Jews are accepting Christ, though that is remarkable enough. But in the nineteenth century about seventy-five thousand Jews were baptized into Protestant Churches. There is a great new eagerness among masses of the Jews to know Christ. Some of the Jewish synagogues are actually being opened for the preaching of the gospel. In many other towns, the Gentile churches are crowded with few Jews seeking light. Scores of them are accepting Christ and being baptized."—*The Christian Testimony to Jews.*

In the course of an address delivered in Toronto recently, Rex. Max I. Reich pled with his audience to scatter the word of God amongst the Jews.

We would pass on his plea to the members of the Women's Missionary Society throughout the Dominion. There are Jews in every city and in almost every town and village, and if there are any members willing to distribute portions of the Scriptures and Christian literature amongst them, will they please communicate with our missionary in Toronto, Miss Ethel Gunn, 47A Howland Ave., Toronto 4, who will gladly send a supply and give any information possible with regard to work amongst the Jews.

Missionary Chickens—Easter Eggs for Fort McMurray

Swift Current, Sask.

DEAR MISS ROSS:

"Mr. Shaw, the husband of one of the members of our Auxiliary, having read your letter in the September number of *Glad Tidings*, has offered to send you three hens and a rooster of a Russian breed known as the 'Orloff', if you require such and have a place to keep them. His thought was that, being a hardy breed, they would be suitable to the climate where you are living. He requested me to write you as to what you thought of the proposition." —*Mrs. D. G. Cameron.*

Fort McMurray, Alta.

DEAR MRS. CAMERON:

"Replying to your kind letter of the 22nd ult., I must say that is a very generous offer indeed, and I think would be a wonderful boom here as poultry are a very scarce article. I think if this mild weather continues it would be a good time to ship them and they will be all ready to lay in the spring, which will mean a wonderful asset to the hospital, as eggs have always been expensive since my arrival, never lower than 45c. and lately I notice they occasionally are 50c." —*Miss Olive Ross.*

Fort McMurray, Alta.

MY DEAR MISS PRINGLE:

"I have made arrangements with the lady from whom I get the milk (an ex-nurse) to look after the poultry for the winter, as they have a well equipped chicken house, and are the only people here who keep chickens. It certainly is a novel gift, and if they thrive as Mrs. Furlough figured out, there will always be a rooster for the soup pot, and that is a great luxury up here." —*Miss Olive Ross.*

OUR LETTER BOX

The First Letter Home From Our New Missionaries

Gwalior, India, October 13, 1926.

"The first out-going mail, since our arrival, leaves to-morrow morning so we are sending you an account of our voyage.

The Quebec Presbyterial gave us a very cordial welcome at the "Themis Club" in Montreal the evening before sailing. Several of their

members were at the boat on the morning of September 3rd, to bid us God-speed. The letters and telegrams from the members of the Toronto Presbyterial were very much appreciated. We found the parting from home ties so much easier when we realized that each one was a member of a great prayer circle whose members were interceding for our future welfare in a strange land.

We lifted anchor at noon, and at twelve-thirty were out in the St. Lawrence, and off on our long voyage.

The scenery along the shores of the St. Lawrence was very beautiful. Late in the evening we landed at Quebec where we remained until noon Saturday. The cliffs looked very imposing, and we quite understood why Quebec is referred to in history as 'Canada's impregnable fortress'.

We had by this time met several of our fellow travellers, among them a Dr. Tucker and Miss McGhie, Union missionaries going to Africa.

Just before entering the ocean we were surprised to see several large icebergs. On September 11th we saw land which proved to be the Scilly Isles and Bishop's Lighthouse. The same evening we sighted the Cornish coast, and fully two hours before we were in full view of it we could see the flashing rays of Eddystone lighthouse.

Sunday morning, September 12th, we anchored in the picturesque town of Plymouth and early in the afternoon sailed into Cherbourg, which was even more impressive.

On Monday, September 13th, we arrived in London where I remained, while Miss Whatling went to Liverpool to see her mother. While in London we saw Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Parliament Buildings, the approach to the Palace, St. James' Park and Christ's Cathedral.

On September 17th, we started on the next stage of our journey. We did not enjoy the trip through the Bay of Biscay as we both felt slight symptoms of sea-sickness. The coasts of Portugal were very picturesque with the quaint looking towns nestling among the mountains.

On Tuesday, September 21st, we arrived at Gibraltar. As we looked at the cloud-topped mountain peaks, we were impressed with the simple grandeur of the scenery, then as we looked at the fortifications at the foot, we realized indeed that it was the key to the Mediterranean.

On Thursday, September 23rd, we arrived in Marseilles and remained there until Saturday morning. Some friends on board invited us to go ashore with them and we enjoyed a delightful motor tour of the city, visiting the most interesting parts, and taking tea at 'The Reserve', a magnificent hotel. We returned to the boat by way of the most beautiful avenue in Marseilles.

We soon entered the Mediterranean Sea. We passed very near the coast of Italy and could see the towns plainly. As we looked upon Italy we thought of the 'The Acts of the Apostles,' and all the history recorded there seemed very real indeed.

On Tuesday, September 28th, we reached Port Said and received our first impression of Eastern life. We then entered the Suez Canal where we obtained an excellent view of Egypt on one side and Arabia on the other. We passed by Katara, a little town, which is the railway centre leading up to Jerusalem.

As we entered the Red Sea, the book of Exodus and the story of the Israelitish journey came to our mind. The weather here became very hot and continued to get hotter until we left Aden, on the afternoon of October 3rd.

We entered the Arabian Sea on October 5th and arrived in Bombay early on Friday, October 8th. Here we found letters from Dr. Wilkie awaiting us. He had arranged for Mr. Biggs, of the Missionary Rest Home, to meet us at the boat and see that we took the right train for Jhansi. We left the boat at nine a.m. and were on our way to Jhansi at eleven-fifteen.

We found the journey from Bombay to Jhansi very interesting and the mode of travelling very different to that of the homeland. On our arrival in Jhansi, the morning of the next day, Dr. Wilkie, Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin, and several friends of the American Presbyterian Mission met us. As we reached the Mission, Gracebai and her girls, and several other natives, were there to welcome us. Dr. Wilkie had arranged that Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin and we two have breakfast with him and, after a pleasant chat in his home, we left for our own bungalow.

We are certain that we are going to enjoy our work in Jhansi. The Gwalior Mission is ideally situated and the Presbyterians at home may well be proud of their mission here. As we see the vastness of the country, we realize the great need there is for more workers.''

—Annie L. Whatling.
F. Irene Stringer.

New Liskeard.

''The big family of sixteen, ten girls and six boys, are all well and, this week, are receiving the results of the Christmas examinations. They have not heard all their marks yet but Malcolm LePointe and Jean Semple have received first class honors in five subjects and the others have all done well.

We were pleased to have a visit from our Moderator, a week ago, and yesterday Miss Sinclair gave us a word of cheer on her way north.

Two of last year's girls spent a week-end with us, renewing old acquaintances and meeting the new students.

Of the sixteen, six have returned from last year. Four of these are receiving the diploma for repeating the Shorter Catechism and several others are learning it. They are all busy preparing for the Christmas concert in St. Andrew's Church Sunday School." —*Miss Manson.*

Prayer Service For Presbyterian Women of Ontario Provincial W.M.S.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1927

MRS. W. M. KANNAWIN

INTERCESSION for replenishment of energy in Christ's service by *Waiting upon the Lord.*

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."—Isaiah XL: 31.

From this quiet attitude of prayer, and trust and service, there results:

I. **Increased Strength.**—"They shall renew their strength."

ALL: (Silent Communion with God).

LEADER: And when, in silent awe we wait,
And word and sign forbear,
The hinges of the golden gate
Move soundless to our prayer.

PRAISE: Ps. 36. "I waited for the Lord my God."

SCRIPTURE: Isa. XL: 9-15, 28-31.

PRAYER: (1) That by an abiding attitude of trustful dependence on God, our self-confidence may be changed into His everlasting strength.

(2) That each member of our W.M.S. may learn the peace of full surrender to Christ.

ALL: Silent Prayer for our National Work.

II. **Triumphant Vision.**—"They shall mount up with wings as eagles."

"The easy path in the lowland hath little of grand or new,
But a toilsome ascent leads on to a wide and glorious view."

PRAISE: Hymn 534: 3-7. "Supreme in Wisdom as in Power."

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah VI.

BRIEF TALK: "A Vision of our W.M.S. Work Engirdling the World."

PRAYER: Thanks for the privilege of service as a trust and a stewardship from Christ.

III. Enthusiastic Progress.—"They shall run and not be weary."

LEADER: When thou hast choice of two ways, take the rough and narrow, rather than the smooth and wide. The Shepherd goes that way; it is enough; the Sheep may pass in safety at His side.

PRAISE: Hymn 543: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

PRAYER: That, with loving zeal, redeemed womanhood may run gladly on Christ's errands.

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12: 1-14.

PRAYER: That the grateful members of our beloved Church may realize that the King's business requireth haste and the enduring of hardness.

ALL: Silent Prayer for our Overseas Work.

IV. Steady Perseverance.—"They shall walk and not faint."

LEADER: "Ah! more than martyr's aureole
And more than hero's heart of fire,
We need the humble strength of soul
Which daily toils and ills require."

PRAISE: Hymn 509: "Day by Day the Manna Fell."

SHORT TALK: "Loyalty to Christ amid the quiet walks of daily life."

PRAYER: That we may make the longing world's need for Christ our personal care."

LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON.

DOXOLOGY—MIZPAH BENEDICTION.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for February

STUDY BOOK—"MOSLEM WOMEN"

CHAPTER III outlines the attempts which have been made by Moslem women themselves to ameliorate conditions of home life and in advocacy of freedom and emancipation.

The preceding chapters have proved that woman under the influence and power of Islam has not been encouraged to develop either physically, mentally or spiritually and that during thirteen centuries her condition has grown worse rather than better.

Hymn.—"God is Working His Purpose Out." *Scripture.*—Gal. 5:1-13, (key verses 1, 13). *Prayer.*—"Glad Tidings" page 22. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call. Offering. Study Topics.*—Appoint four women to present the topics; intersperse the talks with hymns or solos.

Topic I.—Women Pioneers of the Past, pp. 71-75.

Topic II.—Trail Breakers—in India, p. 75, Turkey, p. 81, Egypt, p. 85, Persia, p. 88.

Topic III.—Cause of Changes—Christian schools, missionaries, the press, feminist movement, Woman's Christian Temperance Movement, pp. 93-105.

Topic IV.—Results. Women in industry, in political life, in education, united efforts to abolish polygamy and child marriage, p. 102.

The gifts of western women to Moslem women—the love of God as revealed in His Son, our Saviour, p. 107. *Hymn.*—"Come! Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love." *Closing Prayer.*—That women of Moslem lands may find the true freedom of Christ.

GIRLS? GIRLS! GIRLS.

1927

Girls? Has your organization affiliated with the W.M.S.? Is there not room in your programme for some missionary activity? Do you know the Mission Fields under the Presbyterian Church in Canada? Are you acquainted with the missionaries who represent you in these fields? What would you like to call the Girls' Page in *The Glad Tidings*?

Girls! Think of the opportunities which are yours in this New Year! What a blessing to be born in a Christian land! May you remember in service, thought and prayer the less fortunate girls of China, Japan, India, Formosa, British Guiana and the millions upon millions of young Moslems about whom you are studying! Be a friend to the newcomers in your midst! In as much as ye have done it . . . . !

Girls. In Saskatchewan, the following girls' organizations have recently affiliated with the W.M.S.: Prince Albert Girl Guides, Tisdale Girls' Auxiliary, Parkview C.G.I.T. Group, Saskatoon, Rosetown Girls' Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Girls' Club, Saskatoon.

Alberta has also reported several affiliations which include the C.G.I.T. Groups of First Church, Edmonton, Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Macleod.

In Ontario, Miss Sinclair has visited the girls' organizations of Acton,

Orillia, Oro, Victoria Harbor, Port McNicoll, Barrie, Allandale, Sudbury, North Bay, New Liskeard, Englehart and Cochrane.

Miss Murray, our hospital visitor in Toronto, addressed the C.G.I.T. Groups at High Park Church, Toronto, telling them of her experiences in Africa with Mary Slessor.

Dr. Jessie MacBean, the W.M.S. missionary at the Hackett Medical College, Canton, South China, spoke to the C.G.I.T. Groups of Calvin and Eglington Presbyterian Churches, Toronto, on the evening of December 2nd. Sixty girls were present and listened spellbound as she told of some of her experiences in Kongmoon, where she was head of the "Marian Barclay" Hospital, and of her present work in Hackett Medical College, in Canton, a city of 5,000,000 people, where she is engaged in training Chinese girls to serve their own people as doctors or nurses. Her recent experiences with war, gunboats and bandits added zest to the story. Dr. MacBean closed her address with the message which the girls of China bade her bring to the girls of Canada.

NOTE: The name suggested for Girls' Page may be sent to the Editor of *Glad Tidings,* Room 103, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for February

ANOTHER journey for our pilgrims which took them many weeks; but we are going to pretend that we have a magic carpet, and, as we all step aboard, we are whisked up above the tree tops and as we fly along we look down on the road that Noorah and Jameel and their father travelled. Below us we see great stretches of desert and here and there a green patch which we know is an oasis and we think how Noorah and Jameel would rejoice as they came to them. We see a little whiff of smoke and know that a small village nestles below, or a lot of houses, and know that we are passing over a city. Then a lovely breath of fresh sea air and we look down and see below us the blue, blue water of the Mediterranean. It is the deep intense blue that holds our gaze, and we notice here and there a ship on it. But our carpet is dropping slowly and as we come nearer the earth we see the lights of a city that is perched on the top of a high cliff. The carpet has stopped and we step off and find ourselves in Algiers. We have heard many stories of pagan Africa from such missionaries as Moffat, his son-in-law, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor and others and now we are going to join Noorah and Jameel and visit Mohammedan Africa.

In the story there are many things for boys and girls to take note

of and tell the story about at another meeting, *viz.*, rain-makers, making olive oil, the wedding in the mountains, the story of Raymond Lull, how one little ragged boy founded an orphanage, the water clock, the babies' home, etc.

PROGRAMME.—*Opening Hymn.*—"God of Heaven, Hear Our Singing." *Bible Lesson.*—Acts 8:26-39 (read by the leader), Matt. 28:19-20 (read by the entire group). *Prayer. Hymn.*—"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" or a solo or duet. *Roll Call. Minutes. Study.*—"Two Young Arabs in North Africa" (Text book, chapter 4). *Offering. Prayer. Hymn.*—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." *Lord's Prayer* in unison.

NOTE.—As suggested in the December *Glad Tidings,* January meeting will be a review, so this programme has been prepared for February.

Prayer

"OUR FATHER, we come into Thy presence at the beginning of another year, to bring Thee thanks for all Thy goodness to us. We have so much to thank Thee for, our Father, for home, and family and friends, for health continued, for work to do, for protection from dangers known and unknown, dangers which pass us by at Thy bidding. And we would learn to thank Thee, too, our Father, for those ills which do not pass us by. Since Thou dost permit them, teach us to see in them something of good for us. We bless Thee for Thine infinite patience with us. May we ever remember that Thou dost not require of us great things, but rather that we do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before Thee. We are not always just, our Father, we are not always merciful, and so often we forget to walk humbly. Forgive us, we pray Thee, bear with us still, and in this New Year, help us to walk the way that will keep us near to Christ. We thank Thee for another year of peace and plenty in our land; we bless Thee for a year of peace and progress in our Church, and in her mission work. And again we would remember before Thee all Thy children everywhere, the sick, the sorrowing, the lonely, the sorely tempted, all those who love Thee and those who do not love Thee, yet. Bless them, we beseech Thee, as Thou hast blessed us, and in Thine infinite compassion and power, bring all Thy wandering children home, at last, to the Father's house, for Christ's sake. Amen."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

WHEN the Provincial Board met October 29th, total receipts to October 1st were $2,098.68, of which $1,626.55 had been sent to Toronto. There are 18 Mission Bands. The Mission Band costumes may be used throughout the province for plays or living pictures. Address Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, 11124 86th Ave., Edmonton. Ninety-six Home Helpers are reported, also splendid work by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary. One hundred and eighty-seven pounds of Sunday School literature and magazines were distributed, also 12 new Bibles, 62 hymnals, and a pulpit Bible. Lantern slides—76 showing work in School Home, Gonor, Chinese in Canada, India, Gwalior, and Japan—may be had from Mrs. R. J. Gibson, 317-38th Ave. West, Calgary. Seven Life Members are reported to October 1st. Miss Pelton had visited Fort McMurray Hospital, and held the second service of the year while in that town. A gramaphone has been donated to the hospital.

The Synod commented favorably on the encouragement given by the little *News Bulletin,* and agreed for six months, to co-operate with the Board in publishing a larger sheet, and increasing the circulation. Copies for private distribution may be had at 5c. each.

The W.M. Aux., St. Andrew's, Edmonton, had a successful Thank-offering meeting.

Miss Pelton visited Three Hills on November 14th. There were large audiences at Bethel, Sarcee and Three Hills. At Sarcee an Aux. was formed.

First Church, Edmonton, at its Thank-offering meeting, besides its regular envelope collection of $39.50, took in a Thank-offering of $254.00, which included one Honorary, and three Life Memberships.

Miss Pelton held a very satisfactory meeting at Olds, which expects to reach its allocation.

Extract from a letter: "So glad Synod approved of the *News Bulletin,* and gave it so much encouragement. We have a friend in the East who makes our *Bulletin* part of the W.M.S. programme and reads it to her Aux. as a message from the West, and so helps to make the tie between East and West more binding."

Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, reports an encouraging visit to Red Deer and Calgary Presbyteries. She spent three days at Rocky Mountain House, organized an Aux. there, secured the affiliation of the C.G.I.T.,

and addressed a public meeting of 50. At Brooksley she organized an Aux. and Mission Band, and at Red Deer the C.G.I.T. decided to affiliate. At Sarcee a new Aux. was formed. At Medicine Hat 35 C.G.I.T. girls affiliated; 80 were present at the Thank-offering meeting, and the offering was $83.00. Lethbridge has a wonderful Minority Group which has doubled its numbers since January. Macleod C.G.I.T. affiliated. Macleod Thank-offering was the largest yet. Granum Aux. Thank-offering was $30.00. Every Aux. in Calgary Presbytery expects to go over its allocation.

At a combined meeting of Three Hills Ladies' Guild and W.M.S., November 4th, Kenneth Grubb, of the Heart of Amazonia mission, gave a splendid illustrated address. A programme was given, and Rev. R. C. Acheson explained the extent of the foreign mission fields, as arranged by the federal commission.

Strathcona W.M.S. at its Thank-offering meeting presented the Mission Band with two Life Memberships, and gave $5.00 to send *Glad Tidings* to homes that do not get it. The offering was $12.00.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VANCOUVER.—As the year draws to a close, and the Secretaries prepare their reports of the year's work, it is with a spirit of thankfulness that we see signs of steady progress in the Presbyterian Churches in this far west.

On Thanksgiving Day the corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church in Kerrisdale was laid. Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., officiated, assisted by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., Rev. Duncan Campbell of Chilliwack, Moderator of the Westminster Presbytery, and others. Rev. David Lister is the pastor.

Another fine new Church is to be built at once for Mount Pleasant congregation at a cost of $40,000. Rev. Thomas Wilson is the minister of Mount Pleasant.

Fairview congregation is rejoicing in the fact that they will soon have an under Shepherd in the person of Rev. Walter Ellis, who is to be inducted into the charge on November 26th.

The Robertson Church has been celebrating its 18th anniversary. It has a membership of over 500—just about what it was before the members left in June, 1925, to enter the United Church. All the other Churches are showing the same progress, and the Auxiliaries are reporting splendid meetings.

A Thanksgiving rally of the Auxiliaries in the Westminster Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, on November 19th, at which a

large number of women were present. The programme was most helpful and enjoyable. A special feature was the question drawer, and some vexed questions were thrashed out to the enlightenment of all. Mrs. J. F. McLean, recently appointed Welcome and Welfare Deaconess, in telling of her work stated that she had made one hundred and ten calls on Presbyterian newcomers in Greater Vancouver since September 1st, many of whom, feeling very lonesome in a new land, are indeed glad of a friendly greeting. Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Moderator of the Synod and pastor of St. Paul's, spoke briefly. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent.

ONTARIO

MRS. H. H. ALLEN, 112 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

STRATFORD P.S.—A whole-souled interest is being felt and wonderful new talent being found in the Stratford Auxiliary. For the first time sectional meetings have been held and great interest has been aroused by these new gatherings. Comarty, twenty-two years old, is larger and better than ever before.

Guelph P.S.—The full Executive meeting, on October 1st, took the form of a luncheon, prepared by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church. Over sixty guests were present. At the close the ladies held their meeting. The Hespeler Auxiliary conducted devotional exercises, Mrs. Davidson gave vivid personal impressions of the Saskatchewan meeting, departmental Secretaries brought tidings of their work while Mrs. Ekins stressed Young Women's Auxiliaries. Elora Auxiliary reports their August meeting held at the home of a Home Helper. They have hospital supplies ready and Christmas gifts from the Mission Band.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Sectional meetings were held from October 5th to 14th. The visit of Miss Gowans throughout this Presbyterial has been a great inspiration.

Peterborough P.S.—The annual Thank-offering of St. Paul's Church was held on October 8th when the large gathering had the privilege of hearing Dr. Jessie McBean, of Hackett Medical College, Canton. In the evening, Dr. McBean addressed the "Fraser" Mission Band. Our wonderful missionary and her earnest message will be long remembered.

Toronto P.S.—Over 500 children, representing 33 city and 11 rural Mission Bands met in Knox Church, Toronto, October 9th, for an autumn rally. At the roll call each Band responded by a verse of scripture or sang a hymn. Slides were shown illustrating our national mission work and Mrs. Dill spoke on the Mission Band motto "Loving and Serving."

A rally of teen-age boys and girls was held in St. John's Church, October 22nd. The Young People of High Park Church conducted

the devotional exercises. Miss Muriel Gray, of the Council Executive, gave an interesting outline of our work and Mr. Vesey spoke on work in Korea.

Inspiration for the winter's work was surely gathered from the autumn meeting of Toronto Auxiliaries held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, October 28th. Mrs. W. J. Anderson emphasized the need of placing high ideals of Christian service before our young people. Dr. Jessie McBean in a thrilling address asked for more help for our Chinese sisters, and Rev. D. E. Macdonald showed beautiful pictures of India, speaking of the Bhil field, the Nimar Valley and the Gwalior Mission.

Memorial Service

A BEAUTIFUL and impressive memorial service was held by Toronto Presbyterial, in Cooke's Church, Toronto, on October 28th, in memory of their late President, Mrs. R. F. Cameron, of Georgetown. The Rev. L. B. Gibson presided and Rev. K. McLean gave the memorial address in which he challenged his hearers to imitate Mrs. Cameron's life which had been characterized by courage, zeal and communion with God. She stood for the big things of life and all who knew her loved her. Mrs. Inkster read the minute passed by the Executive expressing the love and appreciation felt by all her fellow-workers and their great loss in consequence of her summons to the Father's Home.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The quarterly Executive meeting was held on November 19th, in Knox-Crescent Church lecture hall, Montreal, the President Mrs. J. W. Dougherty presiding. There was a good attendance, twenty-two Auxiliaries, five Young Women's Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands being represented. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Wm. Skead and Mrs. Thos. Young of Calvin-Westminster Auxiliary.

Very encouraging reports were received from the Secretaries of departments, and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Treasurer, reported $3,100.15 received from Auxiliaries since the September meeting.

One new Auxiliary, two new Young Women's Auxiliaries and three new Mission Bands have been organized since September 24th.

The Literature Secretary reported having sold twenty-seven study books to Auxiliaries and nearly one thousand leaflets.

The Mission Band Secretary had on view the banner which is being competed for by the various Mission Bands.

The Life Membership Secretary reported fifteen Life Membership,

two Honorary certificates and one In Memoriam certificate subscribed for since the meeting in September, making forty since the beginning of the year.

Total membership in the Home Helper department is six hundred and forty-eight.

A report was given by a committee, of which Mrs. George E. Ross was Convener, that the various missionaries and workers on the staff of the W.M.S were apportioned to the different Auxiliaries, for special consideration and prayer by them.

Owing to the resignation of the Press Secretary, Mrs. Gordon H. Wilson, which was accepted with much regret, Mrs. Henry Aitken was elected in her place for the balance of the year.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of Quebec Provincial, addressed the meeting and brought greetings from the Provincial Board.

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, who has been, for the past two months, engaged in work in Quebec and Montreal Presbyterials, gave a very inspiring address.

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 1927, in MacVicar Memorial Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

The meeting was closed by prayer, led by Mrs. A. W. Pae of Kensington Auxiliary.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B. NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

TISDALE.—A splendid W.M.S. meeting was held in September. Miss Scott was present and a Mission Band and Teen-Age Girls' Club was formed. The W.M.S. is combined with the Ladies' Aid, every third meeting being W.M.S.

Kindersley.—The Thank-offering meeting, held in October, was a wonderful success. Thirty-nine ladies were present, and the offering amounted to $53.20. Miss Scott gave a splendid address which was much appreciated. The members are using the study book, *Moslem Women*, and the *Moslem World* magazine. The membership has increased from 15 to 22, and all subscribe for *Glad Tidings*.

Luseland.—A splendid address was given by Miss Scott at the October Thank-offering meeting. The "Lucy Baker" Y.W.M.S. was left with eleven members after the vote on church union; they now have thirty, this is more than before the division. The meetings are held in the homes, with a social hour following to allow everyone to become better acquainted. A drive for subscribers to *Glad Tidings* met with success.

Saskatoon.—At the meeting of Synod, held in Parkview Presbyterian

Church, splendid addresses were given by Mrs. W. G. Brown, Provincial President, and Miss Scott, Field Secretary. The Thank-offering meeting in St. Andrew's was largely attended. This was the first W.M.S. meeting held in the new church. Rev. W. G. Brown gave the address. Three Life Membership certificates were presented. The work on the School Home is going ahead. It is expected that the Home will be ready for occupation very soon.

Watrous.—The Presbyterians here have no preaching station so far, the only service they get is over the radio. After June 10, 1925, the Presbyterian women organized a W.M.S. with eight members, two of whom moved away recently. They raised altogether about $55.00 since they began, $45.00 of which has been sent in. They have a balance of $10.00 with their Thank-offering still to come. They have forwarded two quilts, valued at $12.00 to Mrs. Fisher at Battleford. They have two new members in view and expect to do better next year.

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	$22,602.02		$15,480.31

FINANCIAL SURVEY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1926

Credit Balance, October 31st, 1926	$66,106.64	
Receipts	22,602.02	
Disbursements		$15,480.31
General Savings		30,539.35
Pension Fund		3,197.33
Sustaining Fund		17,694.23
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The Glad Tidings

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Editorial

THE WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS is to be observed on Friday, March 4th. Every year since its inception, this day has seen a widening fellowship of believing women uniting in prayer for missions throughout the whole wide earth. This year an effort has been made to have the observance world wide, and our hearts thrill with anticipation as we approach the day for, this year, for the first time, the Christian women and girls of all lands are uniting in prayer for the work of Christ all around the world. It will be literally true on March 4th that "From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised." One has said, "As the earth begins her journey around the sun on that day, groups of women and girls, and men too, in Japan, Korea and China and all the Orient will be wending their way to the trysting place. North and South America will follow, also the Islands and Europe, Africa, and Asia, until the world shall be encircled with a garment of praise and prayer." You who read these lines will surely want to join this pilgrimage and share in what has proved to be one of the most enriching experiences of the year.

The Interim Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, which has charge of the service for Canada, has devoted much prayerful thought to the form which this observance should take, and the programme which they have prepared appears on page 51 of this issue. We would urge our people to make careful preparation for this day. The planned-for hour is the one that leaves the imprint. Through constant prayer and wise preparation for this Day of Prayer, March 4th, will our W.M.S. mark progress and fulfil the waiting tasks.

WE WOULD DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION to the Estimates for 1927 and the Financial Outlook, which appear in this issue. When we consider that on June 10th, 1925, we had slightly over $2,000.00 to our credit, and that in 1927 we face an expenditure of $170,000.00, our hearts overflow with gratitude to God who has so abundantly blessed our endeavors.

MISS VIOLET SCOTT has been appointed superintendent of the new Girls' School Home in Saskatoon. We hesitated to take Miss Scott away from the valuable work she was doing as Field Secretary, but as weather

conditions in the west in the early months of the year often make field work impossible, and as Miss Scott's knowledge of the province and the people make her a valuable worker, she was asked to take the position in the Home. At the end of the term she will be able to decide which work she prefers.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO is putting on a second course of discussion lectures on case work, by Miss Held, beginning January 17th, at 2.30 o'clock and continuing every Monday afternoon until Easter, in the Social Service Building, 45 St. George St., Toronto. This course is designed to help Welcome and Welfare workers and will also be useful to all Church visitors. The class is limited to twenty-five and this limitation necessitates a fee of $2.00.

MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL AND MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, President and Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.S., were appointed the official delegates to the annual meetings of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federated Boards of Foreign Missions which met, the former in Philadelphia January 4-7, the latter in Atlantic City, January 8-14.

WE WOULD ANNOUNCE the appointment to the Council Executive of Mrs. D. D. Calvin.

We would correct an error which appeared in the "List of Achievements," in the January *Glad Tidings*. Under Candidate Department we say: "A call has gone forth for a teacher and a nurse for Gwalior." This should read, "A call has gone forth for a teacher and a nurse for the Bhil field, a nurse for Gwalior," and so on.

The Financial Outlook

ON another page of this issue of our magazine you will find the Estimates for 1927. These estimates have been most carefully worked out by the Conveners of departments and the Finance Committee. They were then submitted to your Council Executive, and being approved and passed by it, are now given out to the Society, that we may all know what is required of us for this year.

Allocations to the different provinces are being prepared and will be sent down to the Provincial Treasurers as soon as possible.

The total estimate of $170,000.00 is $20,000.00 in advance of the amount allocated last year, but we feel confident that our members will not be dismayed by this increase when they study our figures carefully

and realize how wonderfully our work has grown, and what opportunities lie before us to carry out our Master's command—to preach the Gospel to every nation.

Neither in the national nor overseas fields are we planning for any great expansion other than taking over and adequately manning the fields assigned to us by the Commission.

You will see that to do this we have allowed for five new missionaries for overseas work, an estimate for the work in Formosa, and certain amounts both at home and abroad for the strengthening of our present work.

We would call special attention to the note at the foot of the estimates, in regard to the refunding to the United Church of all monies expended since June 10th, 1925, on fields given to us.

We cannot be sure until the end of January how our allocations for 1926 have been met, but judging from the amounts already received from the provinces, and the reports we hear of what is still to come, we feel confident that once more it will be proved to the world, that the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is a force for Christ.

(MRS.) S. B. DONALD,
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Seen Through The Eyes of a Man

REV. F. G. VESEY

IF one needed the assurance that the Presbyterian Church in Canada was vigorous and progressing he should visit the rural Presbyteries, noting especially the enthusiasm and work of the members of the W.M.S. in their thriving Societies in the Churches. The seeming "crushing defeats" of the past have been transformed into victories which have been won by prayer, service and sacrifice. The losses sustained during the past year, many of them most unjust and heart-breaking, have become the very seeds of lasting gains, obtained by a renewed spirit of dependence upon God, and an enthusiasm, the like of which, the Church has not seen for a decade. The outlook is not only encouraging, it is inspiring.

I have just returned from visiting a number of Women's Missionary Societies in Bruce Presbytery and the experience has been a real spiritual tonic. Everywhere there is a marked earnestness and loyalty both to the Home Church and its obligations in the home and foreign mission fields. Whatever the enthusiasm and devotion the W.M.S. of the unbroken Church may have been, it is beyond question that the present fine spirit of the women has never been excelled, if ever equalled. There is apparent everywhere a decided settling down to the task and a spirited undertaking of the responsibilities which presage a wonderful future in all the work

of the Church. Moreover, the influence which the courage and determination of these women is having upon the public in general is very marked.

One hears on all sides nothing but the highest praise and congratulations for the noble endeavors of the women of the Church. Public opinion is very strongly supporting the aims and actions of our people, everywhere, and the weak and struggling minority groups are finding much encouragement and cheer from the affectionate and practical assistance that those, outside the Presbyterian Church, are rendering unstintingly. In some Thank-offering gatherings, our sisters were supported and strengthened by the presence, greetings and offerings of friends from the Anglican and Baptist Churches. Moreover, the officials and congregations of these sister Churches are manifesting a practical sympathy and interest, by their co-operative assistance in helping minority groups to find places of refuge during the present stress and need.

In many a place one hears the sob and sees the tears of those who have suffered loss, but there is an absence of anything but a gracious spirit, accompanied with a firm endeavor to build up again the "broken walls of Jerusalem." A few years ago one could not have dreamed that such experiences would come to our Church, but they have come, and they have caused many a heart-searching, probably many a confession of luke-warmedness in the past, and many a re-dedication of life and property to the service of the King. The spirit of humble dependence upon God combined with a devoted endeavor to do one's best, seem to be the precious possession of our people, and especially the women in the Church. And this high purpose is bearing fruit already in many ways, but especially in the raising of the spiritual tone of Church services and gatherings. Prayer is becoming more than ever the central force in the lives of multitudes, and the consciousness of the deep meaning of our Lord's words, "Without me, ye can do nothing" is ever present as a factor in the faithful dependence upon His Almighty Arm.

In this Bruce Presbytery within a radius of fifty miles there are four beautiful Church buildings being erected by our people, involving much sacrificial giving and self-denial. They are neither too large, nor too expensive, but of an architecture which will be creditable to the Presbyterian Church and its tradition. The stories relating to these heroic endeavors are thrilling and inspiring. Some day a record of these happenings should be made to tell the generations to come of the zeal and devotion of their fathers and mothers. The assistance given in these endeavors of our people to re-build the House of God, by friends of other communions has been of a remarkable and practical character. Gifts of time, labor, materials and money have come in from all quarters. People who had never before shown any interest in any Church, and others who

had not been famed for their practical sympathy, have manifested their desire to help in any way possible. One cannot but feel that there is a very bright and promising future for our Church.

One wishes that there might be many ministers at hand ready to go to the help of these splendid women and men in our Churches. The need for such is very great, but these ministers must measure up to a high standard of spiritual experience and devotion if they are going to be able to lead these congregations, who are manifesting such loyalty to the Church and such sacrifice for the Kingdom. Moreover, out of these fast increasing congregations there will spring forth other groups and communities of our Church, which will need the ministry of God's chosen apostles, in the very near future.

But it is to the women of our Church—especially—that we look, confident that while they are, what they are, the Presbyterian Church in Canada will never fail nor be discouraged. One of the things that amazed me was that, notwithstanding very heavy claims upon purse and service in the process of re-construction, yet the Thank-offerings were, in many cases, away above what they had been in previous years. This in itself must entail much sacrificial giving, and a devotion to our work in general which testifies to a high principle and endeavor.

As one leaves these brave little communities, and travels on to another task he hears the Apostle's words to the Corinthian Church, 2 Cor., 4:7-18, being repeated in his own heart over again.

So we would say, "Go forward, brave women, bear the Cross, maintain your love for liberty and truth, and while enduring hardness, remember Him, "Who hath loved us, and washed our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father."

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before."

Laying Sure Foundations for the Larger Work in the Days to Come

MISS VIOLET SCOTT, FIELD SECRETARY

THE Presbyterial of Prince Albert-Saskatoon, which I have just covered is in so many instances composed of such small groups of women that the way they have held our W.M.S. work in this province is truly remarkable, so also is the fact that they expect to exceed the allocation for this province for this year.

There is a slow but steady growth and gradually we are going to hear from other little groups who are as yet too weak to take any decisive step. Two such instances came to my notice. I was asked to stop off at one town and just visit with some of our women there. They had collected $53.00 among themselves through the summer and sent it in as a Thank-offering. Only three live in town so they cannot do very much yet, organizing is out of the question, but the spirit is there and we know they are with us. In another place some women known to be Presbyterians from two other towns were invited to attend the Thank-offering meeting at Kindersley. One woman who has always been a strong W.M.S. worker said to me afterwards, "I think you will hear from us before very long."

My trip to another point where we have no cause but only a few loyal Presbyterians proved to be most interesting and encouraging. We held a Sunday afternoon service and some people drove twenty miles to attend. A longing was expressed by one or two for a Communion service and as I knew Mr. Cameron would gladly go, we began talking it up and also found there were a number of children they wanted baptized by a Presbyterian minister. The people who had come the twenty miles had two little ones and there were others. We called our little service a Thank-offering and there were three five dollar bills and some silver on the plate. How I did wish I could preach a real sermon as I looked into the faces of those men and women. However, the way was paved for Mr. Cameron's visit and he is to be there on Sunday. We arranged for a women's meeting the next afternoon and organized a W.M.S. Auxiliary with six members, and several Home Helpers. The Thank-offering of over $18.00 we put through their Auxiliary and they were so pleased. I have heard from them since and believe it will prove a blessing in their lives to have this definite place in our Church's work.

In Rosetown, there is an active Ladies' Aid Society. They devote about three meetings a year to missions. I found them keenly interested in the story of the upbuilding of both our Church and Society. After the meeting eleven members subscribed for *The Glad Tidings* where before not one had been taking it. Here also the Girls' Club of eighteen members affiliated.

Tisdale has an Associate Ladies' Aid but we were able to organize a teen age Girls' Auxiliary and a Mission Band.

In North Battleford, the ladies gave the girls of their Church and myself a banquet. We had thirty-eight present. I addressed them afterwards and found them quite interested. Am hoping for three organizations there, a Junior and Senior teen age and a Young Women's Auxiliary. Here also they need leaders and we could do nothing definite that night. The Mission Band there is active though. The children feel they are working for a

definite object and were delighted to tell me they had sent $60.00 to keep a native worker of their own in India.

In the Saskatoon-Prince Albert Presbyterial we have twenty branches, six of them new. I addressed twenty-seven meetings, organized one Auxiliary, one Mission Band, one Girls' Auxiliary, affiliated four teen-age girls' Auxiliaries. There are prospects of two more Mission Bands. These, I believe, will organize in Saskatoon in the near future.

Thus, slowly but surely, the work is growing, and of one thing we can be sure and that is their loyalty and devotion, for not lightly have they undertaken the heavy burdens and difficulties of building again our Presbyterian Church in this province.

Field Secretary's Report

MISS LAURA K. PELTON

AM once again in the north of the Province of Alberta, and, at present, am sitting in a very dirty station waiting-room at the hour of 12.30 a.m., waiting for a 2 a.m. train.

At some points in the Edmonton Presbyterial the work seems a little uphill, but when one pauses to consider that it is the existence of some very small minority groups that makes it seem uphill and remembers that these same struggling groups are keeping alive Presbyterianism at these points, one realizes that encouragement really exists when superficially it looks like discouragement.

Red Deer Presbyterial of course has not had much of a struggle, probably not enough, but the itinerary through was a happy one in effecting organization of new Auxiliaries at the following points: Rocky Mountain House, Brooksley, Sarcee, Junior Auxiliary at Innisfail, C.G.I.T. affiliations at Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer; Mission Bands at Brooksley, and Valley Centre. I was delighted with the response at Rocky Mountain House because they have never done anything there in Missionary work, neither among the women nor men. In Calgary Presbyterial there were C.G.I.T. affiliations at Medicine Hat and Macleod.

Have had fifty meetings in Alberta since coming out this fall and I think we may feel quite encouraged. Calgary Presbyterial is particularly encouraging, for every Auxiliary expects to go over its allocation. Macleod Thank-offering was the largest in the history of the Society. Granum and Jumbo Valley are doing excellently. Lethbridge is a marvel. There they have a fine Girls' Club who are devoting more time and energy to our missionary work than most of the girl groups. A delightful group of about thirty-five girls met me at Medicine Hat and they are very

much alive. The little Auxiliary at Cayley would cheer the heart of Scrooge. To show the type of folk in Cayley they had a meeting to discuss the building of a church. They passed the paper for subscriptions and nine people subscribed $985.00! They have only twelve families, such spirit as that can not do anything but win.

The Late Mrs. John Thorburn

IN the passing away of Mrs. John Thorburn, of Ottawa, on December 29th, 1926, a life devoted to the Church and the welfare of others closed. Mrs. Thorburn was the youngest daughter of Henry G. Farish, of United Empire Loyalist stock who came to Yarmouth, N.S., from Virginia in 1783. She was born November 15th, 1835, and was therefore in her 92nd year. In June, 1859, she was married to the late Dr. John Thorburn, principal of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and both were spared to celebrate their golden jubilee.

Mrs. Thorburn was a woman of many interests and was connected not only with philanthropic and church organizations but with those that had a national import. She was a wide reader, a charming letter writer, a fine speaker, and up to the time of her death maintained all her brilliant faculties.

Although not a founder member of the W.M.S., Mrs. Thorburn had a very long association with the Society. She was the first President of Ottawa Presbyterial, an office she held for fourteen years, and, up to her death, she retained a most vital interest in the Society. On her 91st birthday she received word that a Mission Band in Aylmer, Quebec, had been named "Thorburn" in her honor. She possessed all the reports of the former W.F.M.S., less the first which she could not obtain, so borrowed one from a friend and copied it all out by hand.

When 89 years of age Mrs. Thorburn attended the W.M.S. Jubilee at Montreal in May of 1924, and was the outstanding pioneer speaker. Those who heard her will never forget the picture she drew of the first missionary meeting she attended in Toronto, in 1878, the appeal it made to her, her response and the consequent organization and growth of the Scattered Helpers, now known as the Home Helper Department, which was her suggestion. Nor can we forget her prophetic farewell words to the large audience which reverently stood to receive them: "And now I shall never speak to you again. I walk the Sunset Road, but after that the Stars, then the Dawn, and then the Perfect Day!"

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorburn we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss.—*M. C. G. F.*

My Opportunity to Thank My Nurse

THE Nurses Association of China is an organization of nurses working in China. It was started by Missionary nurses of several nationalities, but more than half the members now are their graduates—Chinese nurses—men and women. Its object is to do its part in bringing China to Christ by training Christian nurses to care for the sick, and to build up a strong nursing profession for China, as well as to teach health to the people.

Beginning in 1908 and 1909 it did not function much until 1912 when a special committee was called which mapped out plans for the registration of schools, and uniform curriculum and examinations with one diploma for all graduates. Qualified nurses from every land are eligible for membership. A National Conference is held every two years. An executive committee care for the work of the association between conferences.

Up to the present date about one thousand Chinese nurses have graduated. There are one hundred and twelve registered schools with an enrollment of over sixteen hundred student nurses. Schools are located in almost every province in China and both men and women are trained as nurses.

The curriculum followed are the studies generally recognized in every country as necessary to teach people both to care for the sick and prevent illness. Curriculum, examinations and instruction are all given in the Chinese language. A student does not need to know one word of English in order to secure the diploma. English is taught in some schools as an elective.

Examinations are given once a year and the Association diploma is granted to successful candidates. As soon as a nurse receives the Association diploma he or she is eligible for membership in the Association and through it to membership in the International Council of Nurses. It places Chinese nurses on an equality with nurses all over the world who are members of the International Council of Nurses and thus gives them recognition in medical and nursing circles.

The graduates are engaged in all branches of Christian nursing services open at present in China. Some are already in charge of registered schools of nursing and are training nurses themselves. Others are doing good work as school nurses and social workers, but the majority are filling responsible posts in hospitals all over China. The demand for these nurses has always been greater than the supply.

The Association has as an official organ *The Quarterly Journal for Chinese Nurses* which is owned, published and financed by the Association. It has been self supporting since the first issue. The Association also has

its own text books, which are translations of existing books or are especially written for Chinese nurses. No mission funds have ever been used for this purpose and it is the only organization to supply nursing literature for China. They are published at the Kwang Hsueh Publishing House in Shanghai. Last year the sales were over $14,000.00 Mex. from which the Association receives royalties.

The only regular income is the yearly fees paid by the members. One secretary is supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (M.E. Church U.S.A.) and the other by the London Missionary Society (England).

The secretaries are responsible for all the correspondence and usual office work and care for the business management of the *Journal*. They co-ordinate the work of all standing committees, and keep in close touch with the officers of the Association. They travel as occasion demands to visit schools of nursing and give addresses at commencements and hospital functions. They are ready at all times to give help and advice on all matters concerning nurses and their work.

The Association is an active member of the Council on Health Education. It was admitted to full membership in the International Council of Nurses in 1922. Its curriculum and examination standards were considered comparable to those of the associations already composing the Council. The Association will assist in the studies of nursing work being undertaken by that organization. Four delegates from China attended the Congress of the International Council of Nurses held in Helsingfors, Finland, in July, 1925. The foreign nurses paid their own expenses. Miss Lillian Wu—the Chinese delegate—was sent by special gifts from the nurses of China.

China's delegates had a wonderful reception at the Congress. A great honor has come to the Association, Miss Nina D. Gage, M.A., R.N., of the Yale Mission, Changsha, Hunan, being elected as president of the International Council of Nurses for the ensuing four years. The Council accepted China's invitation to hold the next Congress in Peking in 1929. The Chinese delegate, Miss Wu, was one of the most popular people at the Congress, being feted and sought after on all sides.

The Association headquarters are in Hankow, which is the centre of the field, geographically and financially. The present rented quarters are quite inadequate for the ever increasing office detail and publications' business and translation work, so a suitable site has been purchased for a building which will meet every requirement. It will cost nearly ten thousand dollars Mex. for the land and fifty thousand dollars for the building and furnishing.

Note.—The above article which was given to us by Miss McNeely, of

Shanghai, should have an added interest for us, because of Dr. Jessie MacBean's twenty years' work and association with Chinese nurses in the hospital in Kongmoon, before going to the Medical College, Canton.—EDITOR.

The Use Of Time

HOW JESUS SPENT HIS TIME IN BOYHOOD

"JESUS was natural in boyhood, as he was in manhood. He ate and slept and worked. He companioned with others, read in the Bible He had, aimed to live it out, got alone on His knees, obeyed His mother, dreamed of the future. He kept open to the best—body, mind, spirit—in a simple boy way. So He grew, so we too shall grow in vigor and gentleness and strength of life as He has sway."—S. D. Gordon, "The Bent-Knee Time."

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

Some have more money than others; some have more talents than others, but we all have the same amount of time—twenty-four hours each day and three hundred and sixty-five days in a year. The amount is the same for each of us, but the point of difference comes in the way the hours are spent. Doctor Gordon in the above quotation tells how Jesus spent His time. How do you spend yours? Take last week, with its one hundred and forty-eight hours, and put down on paper the number of hours spent in sleep, study, work, recreation, etc. Having done this, are you pleased with the result? Did you make the best possible use of your one hundred and forty-eight hours? I dare say that not many of us would be pleased, for we spend our time so foolishly and carelessly, forgetful of the fact that we are stewards of our time just as truly as we are stewards of our money. How many hours did you waste last week? What could you have accomplished if each one had been spent wisely? These are questions for us to consider. Of course, we must have our fun and our recreation, which should fit us to do better work, but what about the hours for which we can give no account?

Before the day of the meeting, at which we are asked to study the stewardship of our time, have some of the girls prepare a budget of their time, based on the previous week. If desirable, the girls may make the budget at the meeting. This latter plan would be advisable only in a small group. The point to be emphasized is that we spend so much time on ourselves and so little in comparison to that for our Master. How few are the hours which we spend in prayer and Bible study! Interesting facts will be brought to light by these budgets. A sample budget follows, which may be suggestive to you: Sleep,

fifty-six hours; work, forty-four hours; household duties, seven hours; Church, (Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, Sunday worship, and prayer-meeting), six hours; prayer and Bible study, seven hours; reading, ten hours; amusements, five hours; recreation, six hours; incidentals (hours unaccounted for), seven hours; total, one hundred and forty-eight hours.

—*The Evangel.*

Bible Reading

MRS. R. J. KIRKLAND, NEEPAWA, MAN.

St. John, 21st Chapter

HOW costly is spiritual ignorance. How little had these disciples learned of their Lord. "I go a fishing," the Jesus enterprise is a failure. We expected Him to redeem Israel but our expectation has been rudely flouted for He never so much as asserted His authority, but was led as a lamb to the slaughter. Perhaps we pride ourselves on greater loyalty than this, but is it not true that half the anxieties which issue in disappointment and failure of life are due to the fact we simply do not believe the promises of God's word or if we do, we do not rely upon them? These are times which, for us, demand not desertion but increased loyalty to our Lord and Master, whose cause is destined to spread and triumph until the uttermost parts of the earth have heard the glad tidings. God will save the nations of the earth when we believe His word and submit to His leadership alone. Unless we are prepared for this complete surrender of self, we shall continue to toil all the night and catch nothing.

It was a great surprise to those weary disciples to find Jesus waiting for them at break of day as they pulled wearily to shore. They did not expect Him in a scene like that, indeed He had passed out of their thoughts. What a contrast to the eternal ways of God! He never forgets us, and He feels acutely our failures. It was no accident which took Jesus to that seashore on that memorable morning when the faith of a few fishermen was threatened with death but it was divine pity, wisdom and love. "Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find." Jesus knows our business better than we do. There is more success in failure than at first appears. It was a splendid thing for those disciples that they did not catch any fish that night, it was the preparation for a lesson never to be forgotten. Jesus the Friend of our daily needs. "We touch Him in life's throng and press and we are whole again." If only our spiritual vision were good what inspiration for service we should receive. It is not easy to see a child of God in a Magdalene or a Simon Peter but Jesus did, and for these lives He died. This is the vision that our missionaries at home and abroad have, they see with God's eyes, they love with God's love.

Did you notice the question that Jesus put to those disciples when they saw Him? "Comrades, have ye any meat." What a sad confession was their answer, "No." If Jesus asked us this question what should we have to answer? Comrades, have ye any spiritual influence which goes forth from you as the channel of God's life to the people? Never were the people more eager for the bread of life. There is real spiritual hunger abroad to-day. How shall that hunger be met if we have no meat? we who profess His name.

The closing scene in our Scripture story is a sacrament, "Come and dine" on what I have prepared. This is the one indispensible qualification for the task we face, a task in which we co-operate with God seeking the spread of His Kingdom until it rules over all.

Fifty Years After

MRS. W. J. GAULD

NOVEMBER, 11, 1926, was an important day for St. Andrew's W.M.S., Sarnia, when their fiftieth anniversary was celebrated. The meeting was held in the basement, where they were organized so long ago. An attendance of 110, chiefly those associated with the work of earlier years, enjoyed the proceedings. The President, Mrs. Paterson, occupied the chair. The singing by the audience was unaccompanied by instrument. Devotional exercises were conducted by the older members or their daughters. Kind wishes and congratulations were extended by others, the whole atmosphere being charged with reminiscences pleasant and sad.

The feature of the meeting was the talk given by Mrs. T. W. Nisbet, the only lady in Sarnia to-day, who was present at the organization, her mother being the first President. The speaker touched upon the changes and happenings in those fifty years. Unfortunately, the first records have been lost with the membership list of 1876, but the Society is known to have been small and the first year's contributions, one month's work, amounted to $2.25. The second year showed an increased attendance—thirty-two, with $38.92 contributed. Mrs. Nisbet spoke with reverence of the pioneer workers and of their loyalty, courage, zeal and perseverance and their hope and faith in God and His love. The mission work and fields were described, also the zeal which was aroused by the coming of missionaries, Dr. Robertson from Eromanga and later Rev. Dr. Leslie MacKay, the beloved Canadian. Mrs. Nisbet remembered his visit which made a marked impression on the Church and her workers. The Society of to-day with its 187 members and eighteen Life Members was spoken of, and the continued loyalty of her members. During the meeting an

"In Memoriam" certificate was presented to Mrs. Duncan McCrae, in loving memory of her father and mother. A beautiful birthday cake with fifty candles, the gift of the speaker's daughter, Miss Kate Nisbet, and a cup of tea fittingly closed this anniversary.

OUR LETTER BOX

Fort McMurray, Alta.

"I can sincerely assure you that I am comfortable. The stove has been tested and comes up to the full requirements. It just fits in a space behind the kitchen stove and the pipe runs in the opposite direction, along the top, down the hallway and in that way the heat is distributed, and I think, and when I say I think, that means almost to a certainty that the place is going to be warm, although one cannot judge by the present weather how cold the building will be when the thermometer registers 40° below zero or more. I have no doubt about any of my patients, for I have so much lovely bedding they will always be good and warm. There is a company here which owns almost a forest and they have been sending beautiful wood all ready cut regularly to the hospital. It is a wonderful donation!"

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"During November, most of the cases were little children with bad colds. I prescribed the necessary treatments and took broth, etc. One little baby was so bad I wrapped her in a blanket and carried her to the hospital for the poor mother had her hands full with eight other children. I kept the baby one week and carried her home well. I also made a large pot of vegetable soup for the others.

One beautiful Sunday morning I heard a little rap at the door, and on opening it, I found quite an elderly man who wanted to know if that was the hospital. On being informed that it was, he told me he had a bad heel he wanted dressed. He expressed gratitude at having such a place to come to. He had walked nine miles, his only companion a horse which belonged to his employer and was only allowed to be used in hauling timber. I made him a lunch and he went on his way rejoicing. He expected to walk back again. He was over seventy years old.

I have some more good news, the coal has been donated for the winter. It was exceptionally cold last week, and the stoves have been tested, and the house is going to be quite comfortable for the winter, for I am sure it cannot get any colder. It registered 46 below zero while I had the little baby here, but I managed to keep it snug and warm."

—Miss Olive Ross.

Kinistino, Sask.

"Our little church was filled at both the morning and evening service, and at the Communion service in the morning there were twelve united on 'profession of their faith,' also a number by letter. Altogether we are very happy with the present outlook, and are looking forward to great things. The Bible you sent was used by Mr. Patterson, the Moderator of the Synod. It would have been a great encouragement to you kind people could you have looked in and seen us so happy to be again in our own church home. You will not forget us, I know, as we go on, and we hope soon to be in a position to help others, as you have helped us."

—*Mrs. G. Forde.*

Honan, China.

"Lest you be anxious about us here since I said in my letter of a few days ago that we were in the midst of war between two armies, I send you this short note to tell you what happened so that your mind may be at rest.

On the night of the 14th, the mountain below us and the railway tunnel a few miles southwest were attacked by the southern forces. On the morning of the 15th, reinforcements from the northern or Wu Pei Fu side were being hurried forward. All day we watched the battle going on below. By sundown the northern side under the immediate command of our neighbor, General Chin, showed signs of giving way. Being moonlight, the battle continued. At about nine p.m. the flashes from the guns as well as rifle fire showed that the troops from the south had worked round and were attacking the tunnel from the north side. That made it certain that the northern side must lose. We got some sleep in spite of the tumult, but about three a.m. the battle on the mountain was the hottest. An hour later, the northern men were fleeing down the mountain. We were eager to see what was going on but the humming of bullets made us rather crouch behind stone walls.

We had been hearing such reports about the terrible 'Reds' from the pro Wu party that we scarcely knew what to expect. Just before sunrise we saw a body of the southern troops coming right into the midst of the missionary valley and hurried to meet them. They greeted us in the most friendly fashion saying 'Peace, peace; we have come to protect you.' They were Hupeh men and they passed on in pursuit of the enemy. Later Hunan men came and, imagining the enemy to be hiding among the trees, etc., fired rapidly. I hurried to the top of the ridge and when the officer leading saw me he took off his hat and in the most friendly way came and shook hands. I assured him that the enemy had long since fled and that two large schools were just ahead. He immediately ordered

"cease fire" and sent men to stop it everywhere. Our danger was passed. All day the men from the south streamed up over the mountain and on in pursuit of the enemy. I had been expecting that Li Ming Chung, one of Marshal Feng's ablest generals, was with the south. Yesterday the southern officers confirmed our belief. As soon as he arrives on the mountain he is sure to come and see us.

We are expecting the great battle to take place about thirty miles north of here. There probably will be two or three hundred thousand men engaged. We have found the 'terrible reds' as friendly as any soldiers we have ever met. All here are so thankful that not even one of our servants has been wounded and not a dollar's worth of our property looted." —*Dr. J. Goforth.*

Prayer

"O LORD OUR GOD, we would bow before Thee in holy adoration, praise and worship. Thou art worthy of all honor and glory. Though Thou art so high and holy Thou art full of loving-kindness and tender mercy. When we were lost and undone Thou didst redeem us to Thyself with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Make us worthy of the high estate to which Thou hast raised us. Let Thy word come to us in power. Enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Christ. Renew our wills. Increase our faith that we may claim the precious promises of Thine own inspired word. Give wisdom to the counsels, and energy to the efforts of those who guide the affairs of our Society. Give hearts responsive to all the calls of Thy service. Develop the prayer life of all our members so that they take no rest and give Thee no rest until the story of redeeming love has been told throughout the world. We give Thee praise for our work and for our workers. Supply their every need. Call those whom Thou wilt send into Thy harvest-field. Endow them with vision and faith and uphold them by Thy spirit. Dispose all hearts to such liberality that Thy treasury may overflow, and grant Thy promised blessing on every sacrificial giver. May the study of our mission books and magazine, this year, open our ears to hear the voices that are calling us to make the world new by the word of God, that liveth and abideth forever. Graciously hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen."

Fourth Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer

MARCH 4th, 1927

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

1. OPENING HYMN.—"Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers," or "All People That on Earth do Dwell."
2. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT of Purpose of the Meeting (three minutes).
3. SCRIPTURE READING.—Psalm 72.
4. GENERAL CONFESSION, followed by the LORD'S PRAYER (both in unison).

   "Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God which confess their faults, restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen."

   "Our Father".....
5. PRAYER FOR CANADA.
   (a) That the Spirit of Christ may dominate national life in home, school, industry and government.
   (b) That gifted young men and women of our land may give their lives for the service of Christ and His Church.
6. PRAYER.—FOR CHINA.—"Choosing Her Destiny—pray that she may choose Christ."

   FOR JAPAN.—"Replacing her own civilization with that of the West pray that she may be won for the Christian Faith on which alone culture can be securely based."

   FOR INDIA.—"Entering a new era, pray that she may be eager for Christ."

   FOR THE MOSLEM WORLD.—With its "unprecedented evangelistic and educational opportunities."
7. HYMN.—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."
8. PRAYER FOR ALL OTHER FIELDS.—For sacrificial workers, intercessors and givers—"Humanity's extremity is your opportunity."

9. PRAYER for the League of Nations and international relationships. "Pray that the healing forces of Christ's reign may permeate the hearts and affairs of all nations."

10. HYMN.—*e.c.* "Arm of the Lord, Awake, Awake," or
"The Church's One Foundation," or
"O Spirit of the Living God," preference given to the latter.

11. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison).
"Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen."

12. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.—"God Save our Gracious King."
BENEDICTION (in unison, standing).—"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for March

MOSLEM WOMEN, CHAPTER 4, PP. 110-122

Hymn—"O Spirit of the Living God." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 50). *Scripture*—Romans 1:1-17. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Solo. Study*—Appoint two members to give a brief account of the three Christian Pioneers to the Moslems (pp. 111-116). *Hymn*—"O'er These Gloomy Hills of Darkness." *Study*—Obstacles for the Moslems to Overcome before Accepting Christianity: (1) Arrogance (p. 118), (2) Law of Apostasy (p. 118), (3) Patriotism (p. 119), (4) Standards of Christ (p. 120). *Solo. Question*—Do you agree with Mr. Talcott Williams' statement in page 121? Are we responsible? *Hymn*—"Arm of the Lord, Awake, Awake! *Prayer*—Thanksgiving for the Power of the Gospel to Draw All Men.

In the making of programmes every leader desires wisdom and understanding. For the help and direction of those who are assuming office for the first time we pass on the splendid suggestions for missionary programme building, prepared for "Women in Missions" by that well-known authority M. Katherine Bennett.

"In preparing programmes, an element of the unexpected is a factor of continued interest. The stereotyped is fatal to success. Use the machinery, but vary the pattern. But be sure that the programme never loses sight of the *aim*—to arouse a love for and desire to serve a people.

What are the elements of a good programme?

A definite objective consistent with the purpose of the society.

Prayerful preparation with careful attention to each detail, leaving nothing to chance.

Such a plan as shall emphasize the main objective and in which the effect shall be cumulative.

A spirit of prayer and love.

How can these essentials be obtained?

A brief word by the leader should present the thought of the programme.

The devotional period should follow this thought and should be a school of prayer. Use books of devotion and ask women to prepare for participation in this part of the programme, writing brief prayers until they are accustomed to public petition.

The business session should be brief, clear and forceful. It may well precede the period for devotions.

When possible have a map showing the field presented, and costumes, curios and photographs from the country or group—this part may be made the responsibility of the younger women. If any local woman has visited the field, have her introduce the topic or the speaker. If a missionary is present, the preliminaries should have prepared a sympathetic hearing of her message. If the programme is to be provided locally, there should be general participation—but *not* by asking members "to read something."

Do not be afraid of questions and discussion. If no one knows an answer, appoint a member to search for such.

Present missions intelligently, in terms of the present day situation among the people, the justification of a mission programme for them, the service being given, the results attained.

Above all, present the mission field in a closing prayer. Preparation must be in prayer; the last impression should be of a mission field being won by prayer.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

1927

THE following are the Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Groups registered with the various Girls' Work Boards. The names of the place comes first, then the Group, then the Church.

British Columbia

Vancouver.—Wide Awake, Mount Pleasant; Pollyanna, Jolly Juniors, Central; Cagentia, Willing Helpers, Vancouver Heights. *Cranbrook.*—Chinook.

Manitoba

Brandon.—C.G.I.T. A group of Mennonite girls in Winkler, who have no English speaking Church, have organized under Miss Ham's leadership and have linked up with our Church.

Ontario

Toronto.—Owaissa, Weejanwah, Tayondenago, Eglington; *Zhonta, *Wanyeca, *Ekolela, *Wakunka, *Tsuganie, Bonar; *Soangataha, *Midjewarvah, *Wah-Wah-Toy-See, *Wawonassa, Victoria; *Junior, *Alerts, *Helpers, Calvin; Hoppalonga, Onchiota, Teyondonago, Runnymede; Chums, Riverdale; *C.G.I.T., High Park; *C.G.I.T., St. Paul's. *Weston.*—*Willing Workers. *Orillia.*—*V. N. A., *J. O. Y., *Stella Fulgentes, *Sunshine Circle, *Jewels, *Shining Stars. *Leamington.*—Swastika. *Winchester.*—Young Mariners. *Stratford.*—Senior, Knox; St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. *Brampton.*—Micmac, *Sunbeam, Katapwa. *Smith's Falls.*—Queens of Service, Onaway, Excelsior. *Harriston.*—True Blue. *Ingersoll.*—Tillicums, Trakelo. *Galt.*—Joy, Merry Makers, A. T. A., Owaissa, Central; Rainbow, Knox. *Port Colborne.*—Kysme and Aurora. *Perth.*—Pathfinders. *St. Catharines.*—Kopreade. *Point Edward.*—Philathea. *Chatham.*—Wacousta, Golden Rule. *Niagara Falls.*—*Be Square. *Sarnia.*—Wide Awake. *Parry Sound.*—*Pals, *Junior, *Standfast. *Allandale.*—Wohelo. *Victoria Harbor.*—*Rainbow. *Dundas.*—Pals. *Mitchell.*—True Blues. *Bolton.*—*C.G.I.T. *Oro.*—*King's Daughters. *Port Hope.*—*Busy Bees. *Newmarket.*—*St. Andrew's.

Quebec

Lachute.—Sertrula. *Sherbrook.*—Wohelo, Sertrolo, Sweet Briar, Tamaqua. *Maisonneuve.*—Skylark.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw.—Teconnet. *Melfort.*—Sunbeam, Highway, Wide Awake. *Saskatoon.*—*Wide Awake, *Merryhearted Maids, *Peppy Pals, Mayfair.

Maritime Provinces

The list of Registered Presbyterian Groups reported includes: New Brunswick, 8; Nova Scotia, 29; Prince Edward Island, 1.

Affiliated Groups Other Than C.G.I.T.

Toronto.—King's Daughters, Rogers; Senior C.E., Knox; Girls' Guild, Parkdale; Crusaders M.B., Cowan Ave.; Girls' Club, Dufferin; Training Class, Dovercourt. *Whitby.*—Girls' Aux.

* The groups that are starred have affiliated with the W.M.S.

Miss Sinclair has sent out a New Year's greeting with some suggestions for the 1927 programmes. Any organization not receiving one can secure a copy at Head Office.

In January, Miss Sinclair visited Montreal, London and Toronto Presbyterials.

The Brampton C.G.I.T. have been asked to give a pageant at Toronto Presbyterial.

A Message from the Students of The Women's Medical College, Canton

DEAR GIRLS IN CANADA:

"JUST the day before leaving Canton, in May, 1925, our college had their annual sunset service, when we went as a body of students to the grove across the canal. We sat down on the grass under the shade of the banana, palms and orange trees to have our little service together in the quiet of the evening as the sun was setting. The leader of our group, a sweet Christian Chinese girl, told us of the object of our gathering—for sunset services, conferences and camps are all very new things to Chinese students. 'We were gathered,' she said, 'in God's beautiful out of doors that we might in the quiet of the evening get close to the Great God and Father; that He might fill our hearts.'' She asked us all to sit quietly for ten minutes and think about God, not an easy thing to do, but all our gathering entered into the spirit of it and for ten minutes we thought of God, our Father, and all He had meant to us. Then one after another the students arose and spoke very beautifully about what God had meant to them, basing their remarks on Phil. 4:4-9. Our students had many reasons for care and anxiety and fear, and yet their note was one of rejoicing and praise and peace. In Canton, for many months and years, we had never known what it was to pass a day without hearing guns going off, fighting between different factions of the army, between police and pirates, between strike pickets and police, we never knew when our college might be attacked by the pirates and students carried off, when the college might be closed. Surrounded as they were by dangers on all sides, seen and unseen, nevertheless, these girls were rejoicing that they had the privilege of going on with their college work.

When our service was finished, the students asked me if I had enjoyed the meeting and if it had given me any inspiration for the Church and students at home, and I said 'it had,' and they said, 'Will you please tell the students and friends in Canada of the hard times we students in China have been passing through, but that we are all anxious to finish the school and college course which we have started, and we can only do that if the

people in Canada and other lands stand behind us with their sympathy and their prayers. We realize we still need the help of western lands. We owe the fact that we are studying medicine to western lands although, to-day, many in China are not anxious for this help from without.'

This is the message the Chinese girls of my College in Canton asked me to bring to you. Many other students who will be the leaders of the new and greater China are also looking to Christian lands for help and are stretching out their hands to the students and young people of Canada. This is their challenge to you. How will you answer it?''

—*Jessie MacBean, M.D.*

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for March

TO-DAY our boys and girls are travelling with their Moslem friends in Egypt. There are many Bible stories about Egypt, for instance, Joseph, the hero who saved Egypt in the time of famine, and Moses, another hero, who led his people from slavery to a country of their own. Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to Egypt that He might escape the wrath of Herod.

Egypt has again become a country of importance. For many years

GRACE MISSION BAND, STRASBOURG, SASK.

Britain has been working there to make conditions better for the people. She has introduced modern methods of irrigation and engineering, also education, administration of justice, etc. Among the modern heroes is General Gordon, the soldier saint, one of the many Britishers who have given their lives in the service of Egypt. The future of Europe is vitally concerned with the future of Egypt, not only is there the question of the Suez Canal, but there is the question of the Moslem faith or Christianity.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Opening Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." *Bible Lesson*—Exodus 14:19-31. *Prayer*—remembering our British statesmen and soldiers now in Egypt. *Hymn*—"Jesus Loves Me." *Roll Call. Minutes. Study*—"Two Young Arabs in the Land of the Pharoahs." (Text-Book, chapter 5). *Offering. Prayer. Hymn*—"The Wise May Bring Their Learning." "*God Save the King.*" *The Lord's Prayer* (in unison).

Rally Day Programme

MRS. J. W. DILL

OUR MOTTO—One Fold, One Shepherd.

RALLY SONG—"Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

SCRIPTURE LESSON—John 10:7-16.

PRAYER:

"Our Father in Heaven, we are glad that we can serve Thee in so many ways. At this time we thank Thee that we have helped to send missionaries to gather the lambs of other folds into the fold of our great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. Amen."

GREETINGS.

ADDRESS.

OFFERING.

PRAYER—(after offering):

"Lord Jesus bless our offering,
May it carry the message true
To all the children of the world,
Jesus loves *you,* Jesus loves *you.*"

CLOSING HYMN—"I Think When I Read the Sweet Story of Old."

NOTE: Those who are only beginning the study of "Two Young Arabs" in January will have to refer to *The Glad Tidings,* beginning in September, for the outline programmes.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. H. Acheson, 11728-94th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

AFTER the business meeting of Lethbridge Auxiliary the President of the Mission Band took charge, and the Mission Band girls provided a fine programme. The entire executive was re-elected for 1927. The Auxiliary mourns the loss by death of Mrs. Thos. Kirkham, a member for over thirty-five years, and whose place will be difficult to fill. At the annual Thank-offering meeting, when Mrs. Harback told of the problems of Calgary Presbyterial, especially in Welcome and Welfare, Home Helpers and Young People's departments, the collection was over $64 and will be donated to St. Andrew's building fund, as the allocation was over-raised, and the need of a church building is great. Life memberships were presented to Mrs. Hugh Scott and Mrs. Fraser.

Miss Laura Pelton and Miss Violet Scott, Field Secretaries, were at the executive of Calgary Presbyterial December 14th. The Treasurer reported $226.20 sent in during the month making $1,740.33 in all.

Miss Pelton's visit to Ranfurly was much enjoyed.

Miss Pelton, whose visits are a real inspiration, was present at the Thank-offering meeting of St. John's Women's Missionary Auxiliary, Medicine Hat. The collection amounted to $91. A C.G.I.T. group of 40 members flourishes under the leadership of Mrs. McConnell, and there is a real live Mission Band of 27 members. The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held December 14th with encouraging reports and 32 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*.

Red Deer Women's Missionary Auxiliary had a visit from Miss Pelton October 15th, when she explained the activities of the organization and pointed out the possibilities of greater service. The senior C.G.I.T. Group has 18 members, the junior 20. Both it and the Mission Band meet regularly.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary, has received over 50 subscriptions for *Glad Tidings*.

Three Hills Auxiliary has gone over the top with its allocation, and reports 40 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*. Sarcee reports five. The Thank-offering for the church building fund almost reached $600. The W.M.S. slides were shown to an interested meeting.

North Edmonton Ladies' Aid and Ranfurly Ladies' Guild have voted to become Associate Societies of the W.M.S.

Vermilion W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid with only 12 members, working

for two months in preparation, realized $125 at a sale of work November 27th. Miss Pelton's visit in December was very helpful and encouraging. A donation of 95 Sunday School library books from Edmonton was greatly appreciated by children and grown folk.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial every department reported progress. The Secretary of Young Women's Work reported that many branches would exceed their allocation. The C.G.I.T. Secretary stated that eleven groups were well started on the winter's work, and that leaders would be given an opportunity of attending a training class. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. L. M. Patterson, Literature Secretary. Mrs. H. B. Mair was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. James Herd, Presbyterial President, reported organizing a new Auxiliary at Vancouver Heights, also one in Edmonds in connection with Gordon Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. Thomas Oswald as President.

The Provincial Board meeting was held December 17th, at which two new members were received, Mrs. George Ellis, who was elected to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Committee due to Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor's removal to New Brunswick, and Mrs. J. Alex. Wilson, the newly-appointed Costume Secretary.

The President, Mrs. Pillar, reported attending a meeting of the Victoria Presbyterial executive, in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, which she addressed, also giving an address on "Missionary Work" in St. Paul's Church, and visiting the different departments of work among the Chinese women and children.

The Corresponding Secretary gave the report of the W.M.S. which she presented at the meeting of Synod in New Westminster.

Word was received that Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, would be in British Columbia after Christmas.

The dates for the Annual Presbyterial and Provincial meetings will be set early in the new year.

The Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, Cranbrook, was held on November 10th and was one of special interest.

The C.G.I.T., under the leadership of Miss Dow, rendered notable assistance with the programme. Their singing of "Send Thy Light" and "Follow the Gleam" was much enjoyed, as was also the pageant, "Lighting the Dark Corners" which showed the need in many places, even in our own land, of the Gospel message which is the Light of the world. An interesting paper contrasting Christianity with Mohammedism was read

by Mrs. Blackburn. Miss Patrick's solo, "The Flight of Ages," was also much enjoyed. The President, Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon, gave an account of the progress of the Auxiliaries, which she visited recently in the Kootenay.

At the close, refreshments were served, the C.G.I.T. assisting. The Thank-offering amounted to $73.75 and included two Life Memberships, one being presented to Miss Emslie by Knox Auxiliary, and one to Mrs. Johnston by the Home Helpers of the Society.

ONTARIO

Mrs. H. H. Allen, 112 Bedford Road, Toronto, Press Secretary

OTTAWA-MONTREAL SYNOD NEWS.—So helpful was the first conference of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries in this Synod, held in Ottawa, October 12, 1926, that it was decided to make it an annual affair.

Mrs. Chas. Thorburn, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, who occupied the chair, announced that every obligation had been met and there is still a balance. Mrs. J. R. Hill led an interesting discussion on "Our Service Among the Children." It was decided to have a chart printed to include the names of all the missionaries, the mission fields, the schools and hospitals under our Church, and have these distributed amongst the young people of the churches in the Synod. Mrs. J. Ross, of Hawkesbury, led the discussion on the Constitution, Mrs. Riddell, of Brockville, dealt with matters of general interest. Mrs. Kirby had charge of the question drawer and devotions were led by Miss Cameron, Mrs. George Ross of Montreal, Mrs. Owen Campbell, Miss Kirkwood and Mrs. W. A. Graham.

Kingston P.S.—Madoc W.M.S. reports membership greatly increased, correspondingly greater enthusiasm and offerings wonderfully good.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Belleville, was made notable by the presentation of Life Memberships to three ladies long interested in missionary endeavor, by an address by Mrs. Love on medical work in China, and by an address and loving gifts to Mrs. Howard J. Sharpe, retiring President, who is leaving to reside in California. Her removal is a distinct loss.

Sarnia P.S.—St. Andrew's W.M.S., Sarnia, had a very interesting Thank-offering meeting. The pastor, Dr. Paterson, conducted the devotional service and Rev. Mr. Cork, of Wyoming, spoke on his work for the last ten years as a missionary in India.

Superior P.S.—The Executive met at the home of Mrs. Smellie, Port Arthur, October 15th. Thirty ladies were present. Mrs. Hogarth, President, brought a report of the Provincial Executive meeting.

Mrs. Wilson, Fort William, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, told of

845 visits made to hospitals and 45 to strangers. Mrs. Ballantyne and Mrs. Delbridge led the devotions.

Peterborough P.S.—A splendid sectional meeting was held in Hastings, Mrs. Ewart of Cobourg, presiding. Over fifty ladies were present, good reports were heard and a helpful discussion held on our departments of work.

Guelph P.S.—The November meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Galt, was largely attended. Miss McLellan, Guelph, President, gave an address of unusual excellence on "The Work Given Our W.M.S. and the Use and Development of Our Talents, Our Stewardship and Our Sacrifices."

Mrs. Locheed, of Hamilton, gave an interesting address at the Waterloo Thank-offering meeting, telling of her visit to our mission fields in western Canada. A Life Membership was presented to the President, Mrs. Livingston.

Knox Church, Preston, had the privilege of having Miss Bertha Robson, of Amkhut, India, at their Thank-offering meeting. She said, "We vision a Christian nation in the heart of India, not just hundreds and thousands of Christian Bhils, but a whole Christian nation turned from demon worship to the true God."

Mrs. Davidson of Galt, has told of the Council Meeting at Saskatoon, at Elora, Guelph, and other places in the Presbyterial.

The Exchange Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Carter, 7 High Park Blvd., Toronto, has on hand splendid papers on Africa, South America, Japan and Dr. Caroline Macdonald, Ukrainians in Canada, Our Opportunity, Presbyterianism, Mary Slessor, and the Best Method of Work. These should be a great help to Auxiliaries in preparing their programmes.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B. NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON.—The annual meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, was held recently when very encouraging reports on the year's work were given. The report of the visiting committee was outstanding, over three thousand visits having been made during the year to the hospitals, sanitorium, and homes of members of the congregation.

The annual meeting of the Parkview Ladies' Auxiliary, Saskatoon, was held recently. The reports from the various conveners were most encouraging. The members have decided to form two Societies for the coming year, namely, a W.M.S. and a Women's League. By so doing they hope for still greater results.

It was with deep regret that the women of Parkview said good-bye to Mrs. Norman Patterson, leader of the Qu'Appelle group of the C.G.I.T., under whose supervision the living pictures were presented at the meeting

of the Council in May. Mrs. Patterson was an ideal girls' leader and a faithful member of Parkview congregation. She has gone to make her home in California.

Owing to the severe cold weather the work of the School Home has been delayed and the opening, which was to have taken place on January 5th, has been postponed until the 17th.

We are pleased to welcome to our province, Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Toronto. Mrs. Horne will make her home in Moose Jaw.

We are looking forward to a meeting of the Provincial Board, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, on January 5th, when we hope to become better acquainted with the officers from the various parts of the province.

The annual meeting of Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, on January 19th.

The Presbyterian Church at Qu'Appelle was doubly blessed in the visit of Mrs. Scott of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ontario, in May last. Mrs. Scott is a gifted speaker and her address was greatly appreciated by the large congregation present. Mrs. Scott discovered during her visit that Qu'Appelle was in need of a communion set. Upon her return to the east she gave an address in her own home Church with the purpose in view of presenting the Church of Qu'Appelle with a communion set. As a result of Mrs. Scott's appeal, on the second Sabbath in October, the members of St. Andrew's, Qu'Appelle, had the pleasure of using a communion set, the gift to them from St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. The set is oak with silver bread plates and linen complete. The expression of the congregation was taken on that occasion by a standing vote of thanks.

Life Members

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES

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For Life Membership Pins apply to Miss Parsons, Room 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Gold pins $2.50, silver pins 75c. Money must accompany all orders.

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A correction.—In October *Glad Tidings*, the name, Miss McRae, Mt. Pleasant Aux., should read Mrs. Jeannie B. McRae.

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Saskatchewan Provincial.—

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In Loving Memory of:

Margaret Ashmore, by her mother, Mrs. J. W. Walker, through St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon; Margaret Christina, presented to Jessie Mason by her mother, Mrs. W. Mason, Nokomis.

Ontario Provincial.—

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Entered into Rest

GLASSFORD.—On November 9th, 1926, at Alberni, B.C., Catherine Shannon, wife of Rev. T. S. Glassford, and a Life Member and faithful worker in the W.M.S.

CORRECTION FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Barrie P.S.—Kindly add to your annual report Schomberg Auxiliary, Pres., Mrs. H. Thornton, Treas., Miss E. Jardine, Sec., Mrs. C. Duke, Schomberg.

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

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Calgary P.S.—Carstairs M.B.

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Ontario

Peterboro P.S.—Buckhorn M.B., Hall's Bridge; ''Starlight'' Y.P.B., Knox Ch., Lakehurst; ''Chums'' M.B., St. Paul's Ch., Lakeport.

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Stratford P.S.—''Moseley'' M. B., Tavistock.

Toronto P.S.—''MacLean'' Aux., Rogers Ch., Toronto; ''Anna Thomas'' Aux., Todmorden; Whitby M.B.

Ottawa P.S.—''Thorburn'' M.B., Aylmer, Que.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Rockburn M.B.

Saskatchewan

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Regina P.S.—Whitewood W.M.S.

W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1927

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,080.00	
1st Nurse	900.00	
2nd Nurse	900.00	
3rd Nurse	780.00	
Insurance	75.00	
		$3,735.00
Fort McMurray, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,080.00	
Possible 2nd Nurse	900.00	
Rent	108.00	
Maintenance, Fuel, etc	600.00	
		$2,688.00
General Estimates—		
Maintenance for Hospitals to be assigned to us by Commission		$13,000.00
Contingency	$1,500.00	
Drug Contingency	500.00	
		$2,000.00
		$21,423.00

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Montreal—		
Miss Hugill, Salary	$1,100.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Literature	30.00	
Piano, $5.00 per month	60.00	
		$1,310.00
Brockville—		
Miss Davies, Honorarium	$200.00	
Expenses	70.00	
		$270.00
Toronto—		
Miss Dickson, Expenses	$120.00	
(For Miss Dickson's salary see South China estimate)		$120.00
Vancouver—		
Miss G. Lawrence, Salary	$1,250.00	
Miss Ida Woo, Assistant	420.00	
		$1,670.00
Victoria—		
Mrs. McQueen, Salary	$1,110.00	
Miss Scott, "	960.00	
Miss L. Chan, "	420.00	
		$2,490.00
Persian Work—		
Rev. E. O. Eshoo, Salary	$1,800.00	$1,800.00
General Contingency		500.00
		$8,160.00

EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOMES

New Liskeard—		
Matron's Salary	$720.00	
Taxes	325.22	
Insurance	57.15	
Fuel	150.00	
Repairs and Alterations	200.00	
		$1,452.37
Saskatoon—		
Probable estimate in view of opening School Home—Contingency, Maintenance, Salary, Taxes, Insurance, etc., etc		$10,000.00
Maintenance of School Homes to be assigned to us by Commission		13,145.00
Department Contingency		500.00
		$25,097.37

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

Maintenance of Boarding Schools to be assigned to us by Commission		$10,600.00

SOCIAL SERVICE

Toronto—		
Miss M. Murray, Salary	$1,135.00	
Expenses	155.00	
Miss D. McDonald, Honorarium	250.00	
Expenses	36.00	
Miss E. Gunn, Salary	960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Stenographer, Salary (in part)	598.00	
		$3,254.00
Hamilton—		
Miss M. Allen, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00
Montreal—		
Miss L. MacArthur, Salary	$1,110.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Iris Munro, Salary	960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$2,310.00
Quebec—		
Miss R. R. Scott, Salary (part time)	$300.00	
		$300.00
Winnipeg—		
Miss S. Livingstone, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00
Gonor (Selkirk) Man.—		
Mrs. MacKenzie, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,320.00

Vancouver—		
Mrs. J. T. McLean, Salary (part time)	$600.00	
Expenses	84.00	
		$684.00
Northern Ontario—		
Deaconess, Salary and Expenses	$1,200.00	
		$1,200.00
Incidentals and Taxes		540.00
		$11,768.00
TOTAL, NATIONAL MISSIONS		$77,048.37

OVERSEAS WORK

India (Bhil)—		
Salaries: Misses Robson, Buchanan, Maxwell and new missionary	$3,800.00	
Educational	3,811.00	
Evangelistic	333.00	
Language Study	440.00	
Travel to and from Field for three missionaries	1,600.00	
Repairs, etc	1,000.00	
		$10,984.00
Gwalior—		
Salaries: Misses Stringer and Whatling	$1,300.00	
Language Study	240.00	
Mission Work	2,000.00	
		$3,540.00
Formosa—		
Total Estimate		$20,000.00
North China—		
Salaries: Misses Cook and Graham	$1,600.00	
Mission Work	1,400.00	
		$3,000.00
South China—		
Salaries: Dr. McBean, Misses Reid, Crockett and Dickson	$3,900.00	
Travel to Field	600.00	
Graduate of Bible School	120.00	
House Rent	150.00	
Contingency	230.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College	1,000.00	
		$6,000.00
Japan: Tokio—		
Grant to Dr. Caroline Macdonald	$2,000.00	
		$2,000.00
Shanghai—		
Grant to Mrs. D. MacGillivray for Christian Literature	$50.00	
		$50.00

New Missionaries—		
Two to Bhil Field	$1,300.00	
Travel	1,200.00	
One for Korean Work	1,000.00	
Travel	600.00	
One to Gwalior	650.00	
Travel	600.00	
Teacher for British Guiana	900.00	
Outfits	1,000.00	
Contingency	1,000.00	
		$8,250.00
		$53,824.00

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, Salary	$1,500.00	
Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, Salary	1,500.00	
Assistant	1,000.00	
Office Rent, (partial)	1,050.00	
New Publications	700.00	
Contingency	300.00	
		$6,050.00
		$6,050.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Miss Kyle, Secretary-Treasurer, Interdenominational Christian Literature	$300.00	
Literature (French)	50.00	
		$350.00
		$350.00

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries—		
Miss L. K. Pelton, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	600.00	
Miss P. B. Lamont, Salary	1,200.00	
Expenses	600.00	
Field Secretary (half time)	600.00	
Expenses	300.00	
Girls' Work Secretary—		
Miss Edith Sinclair, Salary (part)	600.00	
Expenses	300.00	
Missionary Deputation Work	300.00	
Contingency	200.00	
		$5,900.00
		$5,900.00

STUDENT

Expenses		$500.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Lantern Slide Department	$ 850.00	
Supply Department: Renewals	$1,100.00	

New Work—equipment....	4,000.00		
		5,100.00	
Library Department		200.00	
Missionary Education		250.00	
Canadian School of Missions		200.00	
Federated Fees		50.00	
Janitor's Fees		10.00	
			$6,660.00

ADMINISTRATION

Bookkeeper's Salary	$1,200.00	
Stenographer's Salary (part)	598.00	
Rent of Office (partial)	1,050.00	
Auditing	200.00	
Council Executive Deputation Work	875.00	
General Expenses	1,595.00	
Council Expenses, Annual Meeting	8,500.00	
Reports	1,200.00	
Exchange	1,000.00	
		$16,218.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$77,048.37	
Overseas Work	53,824.00	
Publications	6,050.00	
Christian Literature	350.00	
Organization	5,900.00	
Student	500.00	
Miscellaneous	6,660.00	
Administration	16,218.00	
Contingency	3,449.63	
		$170,000.00

In addition to the estimates above, there will be our share of the expense of the Commission, also our share of the adjustment of maintenance of all National and Overseas Work since June 10th, 1925.

(The adjustment of the values of properties will be considered separately).

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I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *the sum of* ..... *to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.*

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

OUTSTANDING AMONG MANY WONDERFUL MEETINGS was that in which the financial returns of our W.M.S., for the first full year since the re-organization, were made public. When the Treasurer rose to make her statement the silence that fell had in it that indefinable quality that is only found in rare and sacred moments—and this was one. And the Treasurer was conscious of it, for, as she spoke the page of figures which she held in her hand seemed forgotten, for she was seeing and letting us see that great company of women in cities, towns and outlying places, who had gathered such rich gifts for the treasury of our Lord. From a full heart she said "We have been marvellously blessed in our competent treasurers and officers throughout Canada, for in every department we have gone over our allocation and beyond our expectations." Then she made known that the sum of $167,094.19 had been received. Again that strange silence fell, and was unbroken, save by the echo in each heart of the words of the presiding officer, "I am sure we all feel that the first voice must be one of thanksgiving," and in the prayer of dedication we were led by Mrs. Dill. The business that followed we term routine, but that day nothing was commonplace—how could it be? with the memory of the faithfulness of those *known* and *unknown* women, and the vision of opportunities for service which for all of us have never been paralleled.

AS THE WORLD WIDE WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER—March 4th—approaches, let us prepare for it by constant communion with the prayer hearing God, so that when we assemble ourselves together His blessing may rest upon us, and abide with us not only during that sacred hour, but also when we return to the daily round and common task.

A GREAT MANY BOOKS, leaflets and addresses have been prepared on giving, with advice how to give, when to give and why to give. We have been urged to be systematic, to set apart a stated sum and give it at regular intervals, preferably weekly or monthly, and by means of mite-boxes, envelopes or in the open collection. The reason for our gifts and the use to which they are put we all know. There is, however, another form of gift which we rarely see emphasized—the giving of bequests—that beautiful method of perpetuating a memory and con-

tinuing a service. Notwithstanding this lack of publicity, our members have not been unmindful of it, and since the reorganization of the W.M.S. a number of legacies have been paid into our treasury. To us these are, of necessity, remembrances round which fragrant and sacred memories cluster, and we do not make special comments on them. In the statement which appears each month over the signature of the Treasurer they are recorded, and special acknowledgement is sent to the family or friends by the Council Executive. While we are speaking of legacies, we would take this opportunity of directing the attention of our members to the Form of Bequest which appears in every issue, and to advise that this wording be followed *exactly* by those who contemplate remembering the W.M.S. in their will. Our Society has already experienced difficulties because of the difference in the interpretation of certain bequests, and we would express our gratitude to the family and legal advisers of our late beloved Mrs. F. H. Ross, and Mrs. Annie M. Prentice, a loyal member of MacNab Street Church Auxiliary, Hamilton, who arranged that bequests from these ladies came to us without litigation.

MISS MACARTHUR, OUR IMMIGRATION WORKER AT MONTREAL, was a welcome visitor at a recent Council Executive meeting. By a series of experiences and illustrations she showed how wonderfully port work, the Welcome and Welfare department and the Church are linked, and paid a very definite tribute to Miss Munro, who is giving such splendid personal Christian service in follow-up work. Miss MacArthur believes that visiting is what counts and her slogan is "Go soon but Go"! Her closing illustration is too good to keep. It seems she had been kind to a family from the Old Country who were going west, and the mother who was very grateful expressed her appreciation thus: "If our folks over there knew how much you folks here do for us, they would take more interest in foreign missions!"

THE SPLENDID WORK of perhaps the smallest Minority Group on record deserves special mention—that of Mrs. William Hudson of Kenton, Man., who, alone, raised fifty dollars during last year for the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, including a Life Membership. She sent four pounds of magazines a week to the lumber camps at Fort Alexander besides subscribing for a number of copies of the *Glad Tidings* and distributing them in the hope of interesting others. And this is only one of the many women all over Canada who are loyally upholding the work of the W.M.S. and the Church.

AN INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT ON OUR CHINESE W.M.S. in Victoria, B.C., has been given to us by the President, Mrs. Macqueen. The officers, with the exception of the President are Chinese. Their offerings for the year amounted to $38.35, and the value of supplies was $19.50, making an actual giving by these women of $57.85. There are only ten members, but some, at least, of these have exercised self-denial in order to help to send the Gospel to others.

WE QUOTE SOME OF THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION of both Miss Pelton and Miss Lamont which have been received by the Council Executive, not because our workers feel that praise is stintingly given or withheld altogether, but simply that our readers may know in what high esteem our Field Secretaries are held. One writing from the far west says of Miss Pelton, "Her work has been fine and cannot fail to do the good you wish for as a Council Executive. She has had many words of praise and gratitude, and all were well-deserved. She has done much good work in our Presbyterial, especially in the country places that no one will ever hear about." The letter from the east speaks of the "splendid service Miss Lamont has given to the W.M.S. work in Quebec. Her fine equipment, keen discernment and sympathetic contact with the varied circumstances created an atmosphere to which our workers responded and which, naturally, facilitated new organizations."

AS COSTUMES SEEM TO BE A NECESSITY IN PUTTING ON PAGEANTS, and as leaders are often at a loss to know how these should be made or where they can be obtained, the Mission Band Secretary conceived the idea of providing a sample set of seven costumes for the use of the provinces. This set includes the costume worn by: an American Indian boy; Chinese girl; Korean girl; Arabian girl; Arabian boy; girl in India, and Mohammedan girl (street dress). These sample costumes were made mainly by the Young Women's Auxiliaries of Toronto and have been sent to the Provincial Mission Band Secretaries, with the exception of British Columbia, which already has a Costume Secretary. Each parcel sent out contains directions for making the costumes and shows how simply and inexpensively they can be prepared, often out of material to be found in the home.

The provinces have expressed great gratification over the plan. In Alberta they will be used first at Edmonton Presbyterial meeting where they are putting on living pictures.

For further information write to your own Provincial Mission Band or Costume Secretary.

OUR MEMBERS WILL REJOICE TO HEAR that Dr. Wilkie, whose ill-health has been the cause of much anxiety, is better again. At the time of writ-

ing they were looking forward to the formal opening of the "Helen Macdonald Memorial School." We eagerly await the official account of this event which Dr. Wilkie has promised to send the *Glad Tidings*. He also speaks in such grateful terms of the generous donations of money to the Christmas treat, and of the great joy and comfort the sweaters and blankets and other gifts brought to his poor people who cannot afford these needed comforts.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS we announce the appointment of two more missionaries to India—Miss Isabel McConnell, a nurse, and Miss Marian H. Williamson, a teacher. If the service rendered by these young women in the home land is an earnest of what they will accomplish overseas, then we shall expect great things of them in the Bhil Field to which they have been appointed.

OUR OVERSEAS WORK has been strengthened by the appointment of the following members of the Council Executive to Secretaryship for the following fields: North China.—Miss A. H. Gowans; British Guiana.—Mrs. A. B. Rice; Formosa.—Mrs. D. D. Calvin. Let us keep in constant remembrance these new officers and the arduous service they have undertaken.

IN A LETTER FROM MRS. GOFORTH, of China, written January 5th, she says "Keep praying for us all and we shall yet see the 'Bow in the Cloud.' The Lord still reigns, our hope is in Him."

AS WE GO TO PRESS, word has been received that Miss Clazie of Formosa has suffered a sad bereavement in the death of her mother. Our sympathy goes out to her in her great loss.

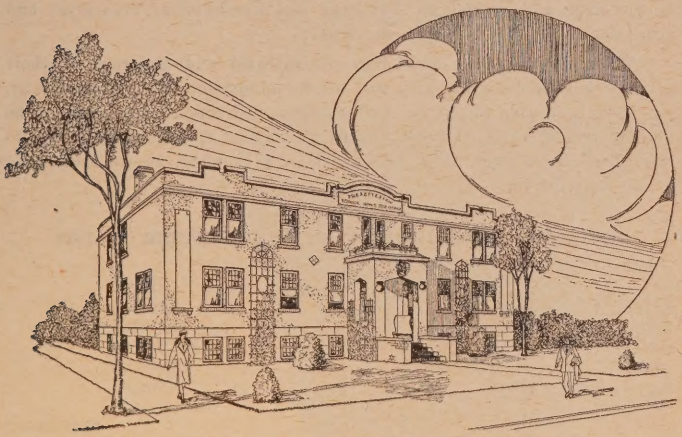
THE DEATH OF DR. JEAN I. DOW, OF HONAN, which took place at Peking, on January 17th, removes a gifted medical missionary and a woman of rare Christian qualities. The sympathy of those members of our W.M.S. who were closely associated with Dr. Dow in earlier days goes out to the people of China to whom she ministered for thirty-two years and also to her immediate family who mourn her loss.

MISS WINNIFRED FERGUSON has been appointed Superintendent of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, 104 Bedford Road, Toronto. Up to the time of her appointment Miss Ferguson was in charge of the Canadian Women's Hostel, Toronto. She is also an experienced teacher, having been nine years in Westbourne Ladies' College and later Principal of Havergal Junior School, Toronto. The Deaconess Home

bears a very intimate relation to our W.M.S., for in this Home our deaconesses and missionaries gain their training for national and overseas work. Miss Ferguson begins her duties on March 1st.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ontario, May 26th to 30th. We ask that our members would remember in especial prayer those who have charge of the programme and arrangements for this important meeting.

WE REGRETFULLY REPORT the resignation of Miss Anna Whitby, deaconess-at-large, who rendered such splendid service for the Church in North Bay. Miss B. I. Johnston has been appointed to fill the vacancy and is now at work in Cochrane. We also report with regret the withdrawal of Mrs. H. C. Jones, nurse at our hospital in South Porcupine, Miss Adams has been appointed to this post.



NEW SCHOOL HOME FOR GIRLS IN SASKATOON

This beautiful home, erected by the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is located at 916 Spadina Crescent, one of the fine residential driveways in Saskatoon. It will accommodate forty girls. Miss Violet Scott has been appointed Superintendent and all applications should be sent to her. The dedication of the Home will take place shortly and an account of the building and opening ceremonies will appear in a later issue.

Our Treasurer's Message

IN submitting the following report of our receipts for 1926, I feel sure you will all agree that it is a very wonderful report of what the women of our Church have done.

Every province went well over its allocation and, with the exception of about $3,000.00, the money all came in the ordinary free-will offerings of our members from every part of the Dominion.

We must remember, however, that for the last year and a half we have had a very small part of our work to carry. It has been more a time of preparation and training.

Now we have our fields assigned to us and we begin our first year of real work. Are we ready for it in our Finance Department? Yes! we think we are, for our new workers, of whom we have many, have proved themselves ready and competent to carry on their work.

This was shown by the way in which our reports came in. Every Provincial Treasurer had her returns in before the end of January, and every statement agreed with ours at the head office, which all proved how prompt and correct all Auxiliary and Presbyterial Treasurers had been, for we each depend on the other.

Then our members have been so faithful and generous in their givings that we have not only met all our obligations for the past year, but have been able to put by such a substantial sum that we hope to be able to refund to the United Church all monies spent on the fields we take over, since June 10th, 1925, without borrowing, as we feared we would have to do.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1926

Provincial Givings:		
Alberta	$ 4,328.55	
British Columbia	5,100.00	
Manitoba	4,468.27	
Ontario	127,570.00	
Quebec	13,470.00	
Saskatchewan	3,800.00	
		$158,736.82
Individual Subscriptions	3,817.27	
Legacies	2,885.40	
Interest received	1,654.70	8,357.37
		$167,094.19

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,

Treasurer.

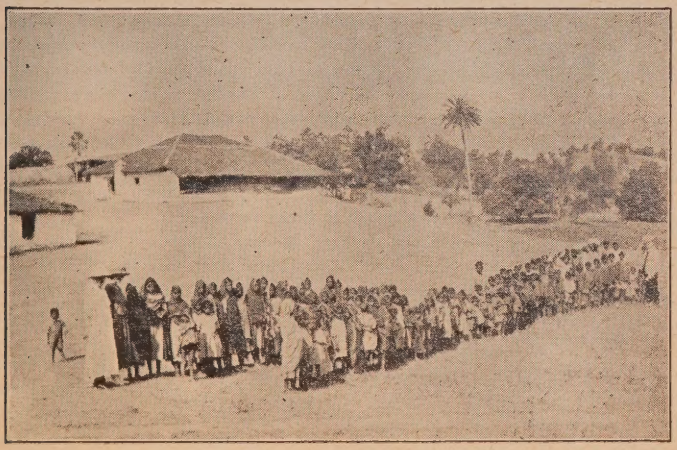
A New Day of Hope for the Bhils

Miss Bertha Robson

WHEN I heard that we had been given the Southern Bhil Field, I rejoiced, but at the same time I wondered if we realized fully the greatness of the responsibility we were assuming and if we would measure up to it.

The Southern Bhil Field and the work there is different from other fields and other mission work, in that it is a territory with definite boundaries and with the whole field workable, by which I mean, the whole population open to the Gospel. If we stop to look at it as a whole, we can see the "size of our job" and can make definite plans by which we may be able to overtake the whole work in a reasonable time.

The Southern Bhil Field is bounded on the north by the Irish Presbyterian Jungle Tribes' Mission, on the south and west by the Scandinavian Mission, and on the east by the United Church of Canada Mission. Within those boundaries we have a purely Bhil territory, roughly speaking, 100 miles long by 70 miles wide, with a population for which we are responsible of about 250,000 Bhils. Surely if we measure up to our responsibility, it is not too much to expect that all those 250,000 Bhils should become Christian within the next twenty years. I say twenty years because it is thirty years since the work began in that field and twenty years hence we shall be celebrating our Jubilee. But if we are going to make our Jubilee,



School Children at Amkhut Greeting a Visitor

a year of thanksgiving that the heart of Bhildom has become Christian (our Mission is in the very centre of the Bhil country), we must lay our plans for it now and get at it without delay.

It has been agreed that our work is to be intensive rather than extensive, and that is good, for only intensive work will accomplish anything among the Bhils, but we could not make it extensive, even if we wanted to, in such a limited territory with its boundaries set. Moreover, although greatly restricted by the smallness of the staff and lack of equipment, the work in the Southern Bhil Field has always been intensive and the results show that it has been a good policy. But in the past we have never done all that ought to have been done, so we cannot congratulate ourselves that we are doing our duty if we only maintain the work and the staff at its present strength. We must not be satisfied with anything short of giving the Gospel to every one of these 250,000 Bhils and of teaching and training them and their children.

When people, like the Bhils, who have a background only of superstition and ignorance, accept Christianity, our responsibility to them does not end. Wherever there are Christians there must be little schools started immediately if they are not going to fall back into heathenism, for the Bhils are a timid people and in the beginning, will not send their children away to school. These little schools need only be bamboo huts but they must be everywhere. The intensive system that has been in force in Amkhut has made a number of teachers ready now to carry on such schools, but to be successful, there must be adequate supervision by missionaries. And along with every educational supervising missionary should be an evangelistic missionary or a nurse who could combine welfare and evangelistic work. Besides, each missionary should be responsible for only as much territory as he or she can serve effectively. The day is past when visiting hundreds of villages during a cold season tour is considered good missionary work. That may be useful as a stimulant to an educated Christian community, but at its best, it can be nothing more than an advertisement among the Bhils. The missionaries must live amongst them and go in and out amongst them if our efforts are to bring forth fruit.

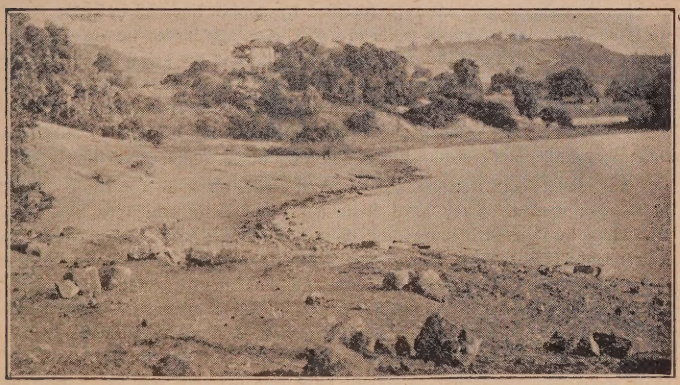
The Church has stations at Amkhut, Mendha, Jobat and Barwani, with property also at Ali-rajpur, Sardi and Toran Mall, but the W.M.S. has work only at Amkhut, where they have a bungalow and a girls' hostel, but the buildings are on Church property. The W.M.S. owns no land in the Southern Bhil Field.

To overtake the work that lies before us, there should be W.M.S. work opened in every station where there is men's work. Our Bhil evangelists often complain that they cannot make any headway unless the women are taught as well as the men. Where there is a hospital, as in Jobat, there must be a nurse and an evangelist or teacher or both. Where there are

boarding-schools, as well as day schools, as at Amkhut and Mendha, with 125 Christian children in the former and 70 in the latter, there must be teachers, a nurse or doctor and an evangelist. Higher educational work for girls ought to be provided for at Amkhut, but one missionary cannot do that in addition to the school work already established. Some regular course of teacher-training ought also to be established to supply the coming demand for Christian teachers for village schools.

There is urgent need also for a small, well-equipped children's hospital in Amkhut. The number of little children who have died every year just because proper care and medicine were not within reach, is pitifully large.

Sardi has a good primary school of about twenty pupils—with a good road, this could be supervised from Amkhut if the staff were larger.



Toran Mall—The Jerusalem of the Bhils.

In Ali-rajpur, we have promised a teacher who will have the hearty support of the Rajah, but with her, there must be an evangelist nurse or doctor.

Barwani is farther away and has been sadly neglected by the Church and never even touched by the W.M.S. All the greater reason why we should not delay to supply its need.

There are two small states south and west of us, called Kathiwara and Chhota Udaipur, that are almost untouched, yet the Rajah, or Thakur, is very friendly and urges us to visit there.

In order to make it easier to plan definitely for the development of educational work in the Southern Bhil Field, the question should perhaps first be settled as to whether the W.M.S. should become responsible for all primary work. There is room for difference of opinion, but as a rule, the

men are not trained teachers and have neither the inclination nor the time necessary to manage primary schools well. If the W.M.S. should become responsible for all primary work, it would not mean that wives of missionaries should not be in charge if they are trained teachers and have leisure from family duties. When they are in charge of any such work they should also have a seat and vote in the Women's Council.

Last and best of all there is Toran Mall, the Jerusalem of the Bhils. While it belongs to our Southern Bhil Field, it is not in Central India, but in Khandesh which is British territory, though only six miles from the border. It is the highest habitable hill in the Satpura Mountains, 3,500 feet in height, and is a most beautiful place. It is a hill eight to ten miles long and about three miles wide on the top. In the days of the Moghul dynasty it was strongly fortified by double lines of immense stone walls at either end. These walls are still standing intact in some places. The two sides of the hill are naturally protected by precipices of great depth. A beautiful lake, partly natural, partly artificial, is the centre of attraction, and in the shade of the great banyan trees on its bank, it is never hot. The soil is open and very fertile and the climate so moderate that almost all our Canadian fruits and vegetables would thrive there.

For many years Dr. Buchanan took students up there for Bible classes in the hot season. They built little grass houses in which to live. Dr. Buchanan built a little bungalow there for himself and now a church is nearly completed. Tezlo, one of our Amkhut boys, has lived there for the last seven years, a missionary from the Amkhut congregation, and he, with his brave little wife, have won the love and esteem of the Bhils for many miles around. We have great hopes that now Toran Mall may be opened up. It has great possibilities. Going to the hills is very expensive, but if there were accommodation, we could have comfort and rest every year at Toran Mall. It is also an ideal spot for a Summer School. The old transportation difficulties are melting away in the face of motor communication by way of Barwani to within a few miles of the summit.

Surely a new day of hope has come for the Bhils and for the old missionaries of the Southern Bhil Field.

"Lord, dwell Thou with us in this place,
Thou and Thy Christ to guide and bless;
Here make the well-spring of Thy grace
Like fountains in the wilderness,
Be this, the home of rich and poor,
Of old and young, of great and small,
Large as Thy love for evermore
And warm and bright and good to all."

The League of Nations

AS our Women's Missionary Society is a corporate member of the League of Nations, and as our women are therefore closely allied with this greatest modern movement for the peace of the world, and are devoting special thought to it, the following article has been prepared.

The League of Nations is not, as some critics would lead us to believe, the work of a group of cranks and faddists, pacifists, or impractical enthusiasts. It is rather an evolution in the process of international relationships, of age-long growth which finally came to fruition under the impelling lesson presented by the destructive results of the Great War.

The League of Nations was, in effect, a long overdue answer to the prayer of the ages for a better method than war to settle disputes among nations, a response to the universal cry of humanity for delivery from the slaughter of untold millions of strong men, and the incalculable sufferings of countless women and children everywhere as a result of old methods. It is a new gospel of international relations in a sane and practical bond of co-operation and goodwill, and is open to all the nations of the world.

When the representatives of the nations met at the Peace Conference in Paris in January, 1919, they were faced with the awful object lesson of the Great War. Ten million men, the flower of the nations engaged, had perished on the fields of battle; twenty million men, the flower of these same nations, were left as casualties, mutilated, shell-shocked, shattered in physical, mental and moral fibre—a vast trust of broken humanity left to the care of charity, and love of sorrowing survivors.

Plague, pestilence, famine and disorders innumerable, with all their sad consequences, followed in the wake of the War and incalculable financial and economic burdens were left for succeeding generations to bear.

With this freshly before them, is it any wonder that the first question asked at the Peace Conference was "Is there not a better way of settling international differences than by this old method of force and war?" "And is it not our first duty to find, if possible, that way and to make it effective?"

The answer was the appointment of a representative committee of nineteen members, chosen from eleven of the chief allied nations engaged in the war. The Committee held ten sessions, and considered the question with representatives of the neutral nations of Europe, obtained their views, and their final report which was unanimously adopted by the Peace Conference on April 28th, became "The Covenant of the League of Nations."

How the League is Constituted

The League is a voluntary association of Nations which subscribed to certain obligations set forth in the Covenant of the League. The preamble of the Covenant is as follows:

"The high contracting parties:

In order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security:

By the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war;

By the prescription of open, just and honorable relations between nations;

By the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among Governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized peoples with one another, agree to this Covenant of the League of Nations."

To that Covenant fourteen nations set their hand and seal on the 10th day of January, 1920, which thus became the natal day of the League of Nations.

Before the first meeting of the Assembly in November, 1920, forty-five nations had become members of the League. Since then 56 of the 68 nations of the world have accepted the Covenant as their method of settling international disputes and promoting international co-operation. The countries still outside the League are Afghanistan, Equador, Mexico, Russia, Turkey and the United States.

The headquarters of the League is Geneva where the Council and Assembly meet, and its Secretariat is located.

How the League Operates

The League of Nations operates through three working bodies—the Council, the Assembly and the Secretariat.

The Council is composed of ten members, four of which are at present permanent,—Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. Six non-permanent representatives are elected annually by the Assembly. It meets once every three months or oftener if necessary. Its sessions are held at Geneva or at such other place as the Council considers advisable.

The Assembly is composed of three representatives from each member-nation. With the present membership this gives a possible body of 165 delegates in the Assembly. Each delegation is appointed by the government of the nation which it represents. Each nation, great or small, has one vote at the Assembly.

The Assembly meets once a year at Geneva on the first Monday in September and the sessions last for four or five weeks.

The Secretariat is the working force of experts and is composed of

the finest organized staff of capable and experienced men and women obtainable. Canada has eleven members on the staff at Geneva at the present time.

The activities of the League may be divided into three groups: Political, Economic and Humanitarian.

The work of the League is carried on by six committees, each of which consists of one representative of every nation-member of the League. These committees deal with:

1. Constitutional and legal questions.
2. Technical organizations.
3. Disarmament.
4. Budget and internal organization.
5. Social general subjects.
6. Political questions.

The League has neither army, navy nor constabulary to enforce its decisions. It has, so far, relied entirely upon the power of public opinion. The need of creating, maintaining and extending that public opinion is apparent.

The League of Nations Society in Canada attempts by lectures and literature to extend the knowledge of the League's doings. It publishes the "Bulletin" monthly and carries a quantity of pamphlets and books, and to these we are indebted for much of the information found in this article. It is financed mainly by membership fees. This society has as its President, the Right Honorable Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G.

In summing up the activities of the League since its inception, the daily press says:

"On January 10th last, the League celebrated its seventh birthday and it is well within the truth to say that in no other seven years in the records of civilization did the nations accomplish so many splendid tasks by means of friendly co-operation. It has been instrumental in averting several wars. It has put into successful operation the permanent court of international justice. It has pledged the nations to conciliation and arbitration and provided the machinery for peaceful settlement of disputes. It is striving to increase the nations' sense of security so that they may proceed with the work of limiting armaments. It is working to protect minorities and backward races. It has saved multitudes from starvation. It is coping with epidemics, the traffic in soul-destroying drugs, slavery, the traffic in women and children, and with unjust and other undesirable labor conditions. It has saved Austria, Hungary and Germany from economic destruction. It has made it possible for France and Germany to pledge themselves against war upon one another."

How much these achievements of the League have contributed to the stability and progress of Europe, the comfort and happiness of millions of individuals, and the prestige and permanence of the League of Nations itself can only be faintly estimated. Posterity alone will be able to render a just judgment.—M.C.G.F.

The Contribution of Missions to the Life of the World

Extracts from an address by Dr. John R. Mott, at a mass meeting of women arranged by the Women's Missionary Boards of the Protestant Churches in Toronto, February 10th.

MISSIONS, Dr. Mott asserted, had been and are, a potent force in the world in the realm of physical betterment, education, reform and philanthropy. Through the constructive remedial action of medical missionaries, of whom there are 1,400, not less than 4,000,000 sufferers were ministered to last year, and 11,000,000 received separate treatments. Some of the most wonderful discoveries and cures had been made by medical missionaries, and Dr. Mott felt it was not putting it too strongly to say, that the medical missionaries had really created the medical profession for the largest portion of the human race and were instrumental in advancing the cause of preventive medicine.

In many non-Christian lands health campaigns had been instituted and scientific body-building was being taught by developing play instinct and clean sport, the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., and similar agencies being pioneers in this department. Dr. Mott expressed the hope that he would live to see the day when tens of millions of men women and children in foreign lands would be taught to play.

Another great contribution to the Christian missionary enterprise has been in the realm of philanthropy. Hundreds of orphanages for children have been established, also orphanages for the blind and dumb in China. On Dr. Mott's first visit to China, thirty years ago, there was not one asylum for the insane; they were chained and kept in dark cellars, and if they became unmanageable they were drowned. Now there are asylums for the insane, and hospitals for lepers.

A reform largely traceable to the persistence of Christian missionaries was the anti-footbinding crusade in China, which has resulted in the liberation of countless women and girls. The opium curse is still gripping great masses, but wherever it has been broken it has been due largely to the sacrificial devotion of the missionaries.

In the realm of Christian education Dr. Mott paid high tribute to educational missions, which he termed, "great citadels of enlightenment."

One and a quarter million young people were in mission schools and more than 100 universities and colleges bore the name, Christian, while through the mass movement of education in China millions were finding light. Union colleges have been planted by women in India, China, Korea and Japan. Christian missions have opened the door of education for the high caste women of India, and the door of hope for the outcast and the socially depressed. At present there are 12,000 Oriental and Latin students in the colleges of America, and many more are in British institutions. Dr. Mott emphasized the impossibility of exaggerating the influence of Christian friendliness on these students who will return to their native country as leaders, and might through Christian contact furnish a leadership increasingly animated by the spirit of Christ.

The unifying influence of Christian missions is seen in the 30,000 Protestant missionaries who are in the world as ambassadors—ambassadors who dedicated themselves till death to the one who gave them their commission—the Lord Jesus Christ. What do we not owe to these ambassadors, these interpreters of the best among all nations! How we should guard their health by more frequent furloughs, and during furlough give them opportunities to fit themselves for their arduous work. They are mediators—breaking down by their sacrificial example the walls of misunderstanding and mistrust, and creating confidence in the deeper things of life. Christian missionaries are not only emancipating the life of the world, they are unifying and vitalizing it, and therein lies the hope of the world.

The Unknown Neighbor

Miss L. M. MacArthur

THE Department of Welcome and Welfare has as its warrant God's Word. More frequently than many realize, it makes mention of our duty to the stranger, the sick, and the hungry, and the hungry are often more in need of friendship than of food.

So much has been told the Old Country people about the wonderful opportunities in Canada, that in their plans for the life in the new land, the anticipation of the successes crowds out all thoughts of loneliness and disappointments. Others have done well, why not they? Then the excitement and novelty of travelling, arriving, and settling, do not give an idea that days of almost overwhelming loneliness will come. One dear old lady, who had come to make her home with a daughter who goes out to work every day, said to the visitor, "Oh, I dinna ken how I would miss the weans over here. We all lived near together, and every day some of them came running in to see how granny was, or to ask for a piece."

It is probably the mother in the home who is most lonely. The husband

and children go to work and school, and the mother is left alone to think of the friends in the home-land, and the lack of friends here.

All newcomers to Canada give the name of the religious denomination to which they belong when filling out the ships' forms. The port workers secure from the ships' lists names and addresses of people belonging to their branch of the Christian Church, and these are forwarded to the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in the districts where the people are settling. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary has an opportunity, a responsibility, and hard work offered her. She will perhaps never hear just how much her visits have helped and cheered some lonely woman or girl. Results may be long in coming, and come in an unexpected way, but they do come. Besides giving a welcome in the name of our Church, there is the opportunity of securing children for the Sunday School, members and workers for our organizations, and sometimes of helping in very practical manner a family not prepared for our Canadian winter, or unfamiliar with living conditions in the new land. A very interesting and worth-while family, newly arrived, was given warm clothing for their children, and a quilt. The mother exclaimed with delight when she saw the quilt, and said "I used to work in a mission at home, and I understand now how much things we made were appreciated by the people receiving them. I must write home and tell my folks how kind Canadians have been to us."

Welcome and Welfare Secretaries, do not forget that there are Canadians, strangers in your own land, people who have moved from one part of the city or country to another. Report these removals with addresses to your Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, or to the Women's Missionary Society office, Toronto.

Further Avenues of Work in Japan

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, LL.D.

OUR special work among factory girls had a wonderful autumn term. Besides the school at our headquarters which was conducted five evenings a week, we had three branches in different parts of the city, through the request of the girls themselves working in the factories. These places were too far distant from us for the girls to come here. At the closing of the course of six months we had in one factory, we gave diplomas to one hundred and fifty-two girls for their work, and the meeting was carried out with all the solemnity of a university convocation. The head of the factory was present. The chairman of our Board of Trustees (one of the most prominent jurists in Japan) and another of our Board of Trustees, who is the private secretary to the Minister of Justice, were present, having gone a long distance to get to this factory. The factory

girls were very much impressed that people of such prominence should come to see them receive diplomas. The factory workers, men and women, were there to the number of a thousand or more.

We were asked also to have knitting classes for some girls in a spinning factory where they work in day and night shifts. We were to go once a week, only in the evening, but the girls who came the first night said they would only get a lesson once in two weeks as the next week they would be working at night. Then they evolved the brilliant plan of asking us to come in the morning also each week so that each shift might get a lesson a week! The morning meant 7 a.m., after they left their night shift, and before they went to sleep!! I went a few times with some people gathered up from that neighborhood who offered to help. The place of meeting was an hour and a half's distance from our settlement here. However, the few times I went in the morning, I stayed with a friend in the neighborhood the night before and then only had to get up at 5.30 instead of an hour and a half earlier than that if I had gone from here! But my friends of that neighborhood are now looking after the morning class and we send teachers only for the evening.

Our work is very varied and what with the problems that arise from personal touches, contact with labor movements, prisons and prison problems, juvenile delinquents and juvenile courts, etc., etc., our hands and hearts are more than full. It is not an easy task we have been given, and we need your prayers, which I am sure we have.

Student Work

MISS HELEN MCEWEN

THE second annual Conference of the "Student Christian Movement of Canada" was held at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, December 27th to January 3rd. It was a wonderful setting for a conference, these brick buildings around their beautiful campus with the Ottawa River and snow-clad hills in the distance.

The questions discussed were to quote the study course for the conference "A consideration of our relation to institutions like the Church, the state and education, in order to understand the application of the teaching of Christ to the problems of group living and to see how it can be made actable."

These questions were discussed in the large assembly and in group meetings after addresses by Dr. Adelaide Case of New York, Mr. Moore, Dr. Richard Roberts, Mr. Ho of China, and Mr. Rakhet of India. The students showed they were thinking out these problems and let us hope they will have many constructive ideas and a real and lasting faith to carry them through. There is a wonderful fellowship and friendship

developed amongst the students from all parts of Canada at these conferences.

Then, Saturday, January 29th, the Student Volunteer Band of Toronto held their monthly meeting in the Church of the Redeemer, and Dr. John R. Mott addressed over one hundred students who were present, on the needs, opportunities and situation in the missionary fields to-day.

If the W.M.S. members would please let their Student Secretary* know when any of the young women of their congregation (who are interested in missions), or any other young women of the Church, go to school or university in other towns and cities, she would be very glad to have their names. In the provinces where there is no Student Secretary she could perhaps put them in touch with some young women's organizations in a Church near them, or write some W.M.S. woman in the centre where they are studying.

* For address see inside of front cover.

Chinese Children Made Happy at Christmas

TORONTO

THE supper and Christmas entertainment held at Cooke's Church, Toronto, was the most successful in the history of the work. Twenty-four mothers and one hundred and thirty children were present. Much of the success of the gathering was due to the kind friends who gave their cars to bring the guests to the church and take them home. Through the kindness of Toronto Presbyterial Supply Department, beautiful and useful gifts were provided for the women and children. Special mention ought to be made of the dolls which were dressed by Miss Heal's class at Calvin Church, and by the girls in Mrs. Thomas' class in Todmorden Church, but indeed all the gifts were deeply appreciated. Among the many gifts were buttonhole bouquets of flowers for each woman, candies for the children and five dollars towards supplies from the United Church.

—*Miss Agnes I. Dickson.*

VICTORIA

"The beautiful Chinese calendar has been hung on the wall. With the help of my assistant, who interprets for me, I told the children the story of the lost sheep.

The Christmas closing of the kindergarten took place on December 17th. There were thirty-five pupils present, some fifteen parents, a host of older brothers and sisters, our Chinese minister, Mr. Leung, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Scott.

The children had helped to decorate the room the day before and it

looked very cheery with paper chains which they had made, ivy, evergreen and bright paper flowers.

The programme was not ambitious as the children are so young. They sang two Christmas songs, played a number of singing games, and were told the Christmas story by Mr. Leung. Before leaving each one received a small gift, an orange and nuts which delighted them immensely.

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On New Year's morning there was a Sunday School rally at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The Chinese School was represented by forty-three officers and pupils.'' —*Miss Gertrude Scott.*

Supplies A-Travelling Go

Miss L. M. MacAuthur

THE Mission Band boys and girls and the C.G.I.T. have done so much this year to help the workers in the Welcome and Welfare department to give a welcome to folks from other lands that they should hear about the people to whom some of their gifts went. The little foreign children cannot understand our language but they love pictures just as our boys and girls do, so we have given them scrap-books and picture puzzles, and oh! the happy smiles they and their mothers have given us! The fathers of the British boys and girls like the puzzles, for sometimes we have gone through the train late at night, when the little ones were asleep, and have seen the fathers putting the puzzles together. We give the needle-books, soap, and wash cloths to the mothers, and they tell how their's were stolen or lost. Once when we were giving out things to the children, a mother said, ''You have not given anything to my baby,'' and she pointed to a young man of about eighteen years of age. A cake of soap and a wash cloth was immediately presented to him, and he was greatly pleased, and said it was his first Canadian gift.

Sometimes the travellers' baggage is lost, temporarily, and then we are thankful for the supplies of children's clothing, towels, etc., for them to use on the journey. Many a tired person has been grateful for a pillow and small quilt. Jam and jelly often has left Montreal with people going on a long journey west, but maybe it didn't go very far!

This series of topics, which were prepared by Mrs. J. E. Allan, of Central Church Auxiliary, Galt, can be used as topics for devotion in the Auxiliary meeting or in private devotions throughout the month, beginning with January. See Topic ''Consecration'' page 94.

Consecration

WHAT THE WORD HOLDS FOR US AS W.M.S. MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 1927

C ommit thy way unto the Lord, and he shall direct thy paths.
O pen my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
N eed of Divine guidance.
S incerity in all we do.
E ndeavor to help our missionaries by our sympathy, money and prayers.
C reate within us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
R emember His loving-kindness.
A ttain unto the best things in life.
T rust in Him at all times.
I nfluence others, by living what we profess.
O nward to greater missionary effort.
N earer the coming of His Kingdom.

OUR LETTER BOX

Shanghai, China.

"This has been a very unusual and eventful year in China, perhaps more so than any time since the Boxer year of 1900. China is full of disruption. If it were only the North against the South it would be easier to understand, but there seems to be no unity in any camp. The country is terrorized and ruled by the military and the Central Government is helpless. The poor people in many places are robbed and tortured. Farmers in some districts are losing heart and not cultivating their land because they know the produce will be taken from them.

In many places mission work has suffered much. Missionaries and Chinese Christians have been kidnapped, others have had to leave their stations and much property has been looted.

In Shanghai we have been able to go on with our work of preparing Christian literature. China never *needed* the Christian message more than she needs it to-day. The rulers, the students, the mothers and fathers, the boys and girls need Jesus Christ. Indeed the whole wide world needs a baptism of the love of Jesus Christ.

We have been much blessed in our Children's Department this year. Our Magazine, *Happy Childhood,* has been carried on without interruption. We have tried to make its pages alive with lessons of love, obedience and loyalty to Jesus Christ. During the year we have prepared a Book of

Prayers for little children, seeking to teach Chinese mothers and the boys and girls that even the very young can pray to the Friend of little children. Another joyful piece of work has been the preparation of a children's Bible. This is in the Words of Scripture, is printed in large type with pictures and is bound in a bright red cover. The orders coming in for this book show it is meeting a need. We hope it will be used for family worship and that it will lead many children to love the Word of God.

We have also issued a series of six prettily bound story books known as the Morning Bell Series. Our Chinese artist after very many attempts prepared a handsome symbolical cover with a big bell and a crowing cock. You will also be interested to know of a Temperance Pledge we put in the pages of "Happy Childhood," asking the children to prayfully consider it and sign only if they really meant to keep it. The pledge was a promise not to drink wine, not to gamble, not to *smoke cigarettes* and not to take opium. Up to date nearly 1,000 Chinese children have signed this pledge.

My Chinese helpers have worked loyally and well. The artist is our despair at times. This week he has been trying for two days to make the face of a happy, natural looking boy. Up to this afternoon his productions looked like little fat imps. But this afternoon with our combined forces working on him he has drawn something which we have accepted.

I am still hoping that someone may be sent to help in the work for children. The task is *not* being done. I ask for your continued prayers and sympathies."

(*Mrs. Donald*) *Lizzie A. MacGillivray.*

Tsining, Shantung.

"I have just returned this week from my first trip to the country in Shantung and I was very glad to notice, that my year of furlough and home comforts have not spoiled me for my old work. I was most anxious to find out, if the Manderin which I had spoken in my former field would be different to what was spoken in these regions. And great was my joy when I noticed that I was understood by the women and that I understood them. Some expressions were different, but these were easily adjusted.

Also I found, that the Chinese women were of the same disposition as everywhere, they respond to kindness and a smile. First they stand aloof, but keep a close watch on one's actions, in what manner one enters a village, addresses the first women, manages one's affairs and when the impression is favorable, an added smile and a kind word do wonders. The faces clear up, the boldest of the women assure the more timid ones not to fear and the ears are open to our message.

We visited about nine places and would have touched a few more

centres, if the water had not prevented us reaching them. The need of laborers was appalling. In several centres, where years ago some work had been done, but had been sadly neglected on account of shortage of workers, one could notice a real desire for more instruction and spiritual help. We saw tears in the eyes of those who stood so alone and had so little uplift in their heathen surroundings.

The many rains, dampness and frights have not diminished the satisfaction and joys of the trip at all. The Lord kept us well and brought us safely in Tsining, and the knowledge of having met with all this, while on the path of duty, made us happy in spite of all.''

—*Anna C. A. Cook.*

Prayer

OUR FATHER which are in Heaven, we come to Thee. As a child speaks with a parent, so may we speak with Thee. May we know very truly that Thou art our Father and that Thou art wise and just and kind. We thank Thee, Father, for Thy Church. We thank Thee for all the ties that bind us one to another, for the fellowship of faith and the bonds of friendship and of love. We thank Thee for all those who, trusting in Thy name, have made this world a better and happier place to live in. May we learn from their example and from the example of Thy Son, our Saviour. Make us grow daily in likeness to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. May the mind and spirit that were found in Him, be also found in us, the members of His Church. We pray that Thou wilt bless our Church in all her activities, both at home and abroad. We do not pray that she should have an easy life, but that she should be given strength. We do not pray that she should be given tasks equal to her power, but rather that her power be equal to her task. Then, indeed, will she enjoy the richness of life which comes by the grace of God alone. We pray that Thy Kingdom may grow and that we may have a share in extending it. In order that we may be fitted to be used in this, Thy service, we pray that Thou wilt guide us, teach us, strengthen us, till we become such persons as Thou wouldst have us be, pure and gentle, truthful and highminded, brave and able, courteous and generous, dutiful and useful. For Christ's sake and in His name, we ask these blessings, together with the forgiveness of our many sins. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for April

"MOSLEM WOMEN," CHAPTER IV, PP. 122-156

Hymn.—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." *Prayer.*—*Glad Tidings,* p. 96. *Scripture.*—11 Cor. VI:1-10; 14-18. *Minutes. Business. Study Topic.*—Causes for Encouragement. (1) The indomitable courage of Christian missionaries in Turkey in the face of fiery trial. Let the President read the expressed conviction of the missionaries, last par. p. 122. "While.....of Turkey." Appoint a member to read the tribute to the missionaries entitled "Ourselves, as a Turk Sees Us" pp. 124-27. Intermission (5 minutes). *Brief Talks* (2) "The Overthrow of the Caliphate," and close with quotation from Dr. Peet of Turkey, p. 130. (3) "Evangelism." Who should the evangelist be? p. 133. What alone will ensure success in missionary work among the Moslems? p. 132. Give examples of what conversion costs a Moslem, p. 138. *Roll Call.* Let the members read the question and give the answers on pp. 138-41 in reply to their names. *Hymn.*—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War." *Offering.* (4) Short talk (by two members) "Missionary and S.S. Work in Egypt," p. 141-143. Tell briefly the story of Mohammed Mansours p. 145, and the kingdom of Iraq, p. 153. *Hymn.*—"We Have Heard a Joyful Sound." *Closing Prayer.*

Note.—Should there be too much material in this programme for one meeting, let the leader choose what she thinks will be most helpful and interesting to the members.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

Since last month the following groups have affiliated:

Smith's Falls.—Emuso, O'Hara, Senior M.B., Ratho; *Brigden.*—Live Wires; *Hespeler.*—Phinsospir; *Jarratt.*—Ever Ready; *Port McNicoll.*—Live Wire, Wasegabook, Bonar Ch.; *Ottawa; Renfrew.*—Glassford Senior M.B.; *Eglington* groups; *Leamington.*—Swastika Intermediate, Wohelo Senior.

Miss Sinclair addressed meetings at Galt and Preston. On her way back from Montreal she attended the mother and daughter banquet at Perth and also visited Smith's Falls, Ottawa and Gananoque.

C.G.I.T.

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

THREE different readings of this well-known symbol comes to the writer's mind as these words are penned. Can you guess what they are? Try, before you read what follows.

The first is: "**Chinese Girls in Toronto.**" Of these, six are older girls, two are university students, and two are taking nurses' training in one of the city hospitals. Of the younger ones, three are high school students, and six are still in public school. In this list the little girls are not included. Of three older ones, who have left Toronto in recent years, two are engaged in missionary work in China, and one in a missionary kindergarten in Victoria.

The second reading is: "**Chinese Girls in Training.**" These young lives, like all others, are in training for service, either in Canada or China. Each has her God-given gifts, and for each He has a place in His great plan for the redemption of the world. Some have already caught the vision. Some have not.

The third reading: "**Canadian Girls in Training,**" is familiar to you all. Plans have long been cherished whereby Chinese girls might be helped in these preparation days, as Canadian girls are being helped. One result is that the C.G.I.T. Group of Calvin Church, have kindly given the Chinese girls the opportunity of seeing a Group at work; and it may be that we shall soon see this well known symbol "C.G.I.T." given the three-fold interpretation in actual practice.

IT may be of interest to other groups desiring to put on a pageant, to learn that "Missionary Arithmetic," presented so acceptably by the Brampton C.G.I.T. Group at Toronto Presbyterial, may be obtained at our Office of Publication, 103, 320 Bay Street, Toronto, 2. Price 12c.

Note also the prayer on page 96. It was one of three given by C.G.I.T. girls on the Young People's Night at the Presbyterial.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for April

TO-DAY we come to the end of our journey with the two young Arabs. Again we take a desert trip but not on camel-back, but in the way we know best, by railroad. Think of it! A trip to Jerusalem—to the "Holy City" of Jews, Moslems and Gentiles.

Interesting notes can be made about flowers, trees, plants, how grain is threshed, the Cat Cemetery, the Eye of the Needle, Samson's Hill, the two mile walk to Bethlehem. When notes on Bethlehem are read, the

hymn "Away in a Manger" might be sung. It is Easter time, but had it been on Christmas Day we could accompany hundreds of Armenian boys and girls from the orphanage in Jerusalem who take gifts that they have made of wood and metal, and leave them in the grotto where tradition says, "the little child Jesus lay down his sweet head."

But you will enjoy Easter in that wonderful old city which links the east and west. One reason for gladness is the fact that this trip will end—as you like trips and stories to end—very happily. You know that the pilgrimage journey was taken by Abu Jameel in search of peace and here in old Jerusalem he finds it. How? By believing in Jesus Christ who died to save people from their sins, who helps them to live for Him here on earth, and waits to welcome them to the heavenly home.

Easter Hymn. Bible Lesson (in three parts) Psalm 122 (which was always sung as the Jews went up to the Holy City). Luke 17:11-19; John 12:12-19. *Prayers*—remembering especially children of the Moslem and Jewish races. *Hymn*—"There is a Green Hill Far Away." *Roll Call. Minutes. Study*—"Two Young Arabs in Jerusalem" (chapter 6). *Offering. Prayer*—(in February *Tidings*). *Hymn*—"When Mothers of Salem." *Closing Prayer*—Mizpah Benediction.

An Easter Message

MRS. J. W. DILL

ABOUT twenty-five years ago two countries in South America—Argentine and Chile—were ready to go to war, but they were persuaded to let Great Britain settle the trouble between them. A plan was offered and accepted. Two years later the women of these countries determined to make peace lasting, so they had the guns and cannon—that were to have been used for war—melted, and from that metal they had made an immense figure of Christ, the "Prince of Peace." This memorial stands at the top of a pass in the Andes Mountains. With the left hand the figure clasps a very high cross, and the right hand points upward.

What message comes to us for Easter from this far-away mountain pass? Just this—the hand clasping the cross reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and death for "the world of sinners lost" and the right hand pointing upward tells the story of His resurrection. Let us welcome this glorious message and say, "We will serve our Saviour, He is our dearest Friend."

"Sow an act, and you reap a habit;
Sow a habit, and you reap a character;
Sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

DATES OF PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

Alberta.—Edmonton, April 12th and 13th.
British Columbia.—Victoria, April 19th and 20th.
Manitoba.—Winnipeg, March 29th.
Ontario.—Brockville, April 26th, 27th and 28th.
Quebec.—Montreal, March 29th.
Saskatchewan.—Regina, April 5th and 6th.

COUNCIL MEETING

St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., May 26th to 30th.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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ENCOURAGING news comes from the Urkrainian Church in Edmonton —Edmonton's eighth Presbyterian church—as church services were resumed November 28th with Rev. E. M. Glowa in charge.

Knox Church, Bassano, at its annual meeting reported $172.50 for missions.

Lethbridge reports "In Memoriam" certificate presented to Mr. Robt. Wilson, in memory of his wife. The Ladies' Aid co-operated in the purchase.

With only six members, Penhold Auxiliary last year sent $18.20 to the general fund, $2.00 to expense funds, and $7.00 to supply (this last from the sale of a quilt), while $5.00 which did not add to the allocation, was given through the Sunday School. Penhold Auxiliary during 1927 will work as an Associate Society.

St. Paul's, Banff, reports a newly-organized Mission Band of 28 members.

Mrs. H. R. Horne and Dr. Jessie McBean will attend the Provincial Annual Meeting at Edmonton, in March. Calgary Presbyterial met at Lethbridge February 16th-17th, and Edmonton Presbyterial, at Edmonton, February 1st. All have gone over the top in their allocations.

Strathcona Auxiliary reports 27 subscribers to *Glad Tidings,* and an active Mission Band of 28 members.

Vermilion Ladies Auxiliary was disbanded, and instead, a Ladies' Aid and a Women's Missionary Auxiliary have been formed, each with its own officers, a forward step and a wise one.

Costumes representing an Arab boy and girl, Chinese girl, India,

Korean girl, Mohammedan woman, and Canadian Indian boy are on hand. Address Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, 11124 86th Ave., Edmonton.

Severe weather affected the numbers at Red Deer Presbyterial Annual Meeting, January 15, but most of the officers were present with good reports. An animated discussion over C.G.I.T. work resulted in the sending of a resolution dealing with the matter to the Provincial Board and to Presbytery.

In the evening, Mrs. Peattie, Presbyterial President, spoke of the new work to be taken up at home and abroad. Rev. Mr. Revie gave a short address, and slides showing W.M.S. work were shown, with explanations, by Mr. Revie and Mr. Frazer.

All members left with a feeling of gratitude that Red Deer Presbyterial had been able to send more than they had been assigned for 1926. To this was added a feeling of good-will and fellowship that surpassed any past meetings.

Westmount Auxiliary, Edmonton, reports 23 members, an increase on last year. Altogether $148.43—which included a Life Membership—was sent to the Provincial Treasurer. Goods valued at $78.73 were sent to supply, and 35 subscribe to *Glad Tidings*. "A satisfactory showing from all departments, and the outlook for 1927 most encouraging."

Calgary Presbyterial held its annual prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Calgary, January 18, Mrs. Harback, Presbyterial President, in the chair. The Auxiliaries of the five Presbyterian Churches took part in the service. Mrs. Gray gave a very fine paper on "The Work of the W.M.S. Encircling the World." Miss Violet Goodfellow gave a short talk on "Loyalty to Christ Amid the Quiet Walks of Daily Life." At the close the executive met. Reports of the year's work were given by the various Secretaries, and the Treasurer reported $2,480.36 sent to the Provincial Treasurer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—A large and representative meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on October 22nd, to welcome Mrs. Pillar, of Vancouver, Provincial President. Mrs. Clay, Vice-President, presided. Opening exercises were conducted by members from St. Andrew's and Knox Auxiliaries. Mrs. Pillar, in her address, spoke of the division of the foreign mission work of the Church, of the immigration question and its bearing upon the work of the W.M.S. and of the great importance of the study of missionary problems which this year centres in the book "Moslem Women." Many other phases of the work of the Society were discussed.

The Chinese Presbyterian Mission in Victoria has sustained a distinct loss in the death of Mrs. Leung, wife of the Chinese pastor, Rev. Leung Moi Fong, which took place on Thanksgiving day. Besides her husband, a family of nine children of tender years are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. A. J. McGillivray, D.D., has arrived at the coast, and his first address in Vancouver was given at the meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary in Central Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McGillivray stated that he found the Presbyterian cause prospering all over the country. He spoke of visiting the School Home at New Liskeard, and how successful the W.M.S. was in re-organization, by being prepared for every emergency.

The Provincial Board met on January 21st, Mrs. Pillar presiding. Encouraging reports were presented. The Treasurer, Mrs. Robson, stated that the allocations sent down by the Council Executive had been underwritten and over subscribed forty per cent. by Kootenay, Victoria and Westminster Presbyterials, Kamloops-Okanagan meeting its allocation.

Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, first Vice-President, was appointed to represent the President and bring greetings from the Provincial to the Victoria Presbyterial Annual Meeting, January 25th and 26th, at which Dr. McGillivray and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, are expected to speak.

Christmas Entertainment for the Chinese

On December 20th, the annual S.S. concert and Christmas tree was held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Victoria. The Church was crowded with Chinese and a large number of interested friends from the other Presbyterian Churches. Rev. Mr. Leung presided. A programme of carols, solos and recitations was presented and much enjoyed as were also the solos by Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Walter Lee, the piano duet by Miss Scott and Miss Lily Leung and a short pageant entitled, "The Message of the Christ Child" by the music pupils and S.S. scholars. Greetings from the Victoria W.M.S. were presented by Mrs. J. MacIntosh, Presbyterial President. Several ministers were present and spoke: Rev. J. S. Patterson, Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. D. A. Smith of Vancouver, Dr. Clay, Dr. McCoy and Rev. D. Walker. Another pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Regina, who were introduced to the audience. Mrs. Martin has shown a very active interest in the Chinese of Saskatchewan for a great number of years. The tree was then stripped of its many gifts for the S.S. scholars and their teachers, after which refreshments were served by the young men of the Mission.

On the 16th, Mrs. MacQueen had a closing and presentation of prizes for her afternoon class.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Norman Hall, Winnipeg.—Great things have happened in their midst, not only among the loyal men and women but even among the "least of these," the Mission Band. Since their first meeting they have had large gatherings to learn the meaning of prayer, hear inspiring addresses, bring mite-boxes with their coppers to make the Band a success. At one meeting 14 children were made Junior Members, 9 girls and 5 boys, the certificates and pins being presented by Mrs. H. Sellers. Through the devotion and enthusiasm of Mrs. J. T. Fisher, and the love and sacrifice of many, they have raised $192.00 to help spread "The good tidings of great joy." When this Mission Band was organized at the home of the late President, Mrs. Fisher, there were 53 girls and boys from 5 to 15 years of age present. Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Sellers assisted at the organization.

Morden.—The ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Morden, met at the home of Mrs. Cochrane to organize a Women's Missionary Society. Twenty-three ladies were present also Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President, and Mrs. Andison, Provincial Secretary. Mrs. Hutchison read an interesting paper and Mrs. Andison told of the work of the W.M.S. in Canada. Officers elected were: Pres., Mrs. Andrews; Sec., Mrs. Lowrey; Treas., Mrs. Cochrane; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Bothwish, Mrs. Stirton and Mrs. Scott; Supply, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Blaxam.

Winnipeg P.S.—Mrs. L. McKenzie of Gonor, and Rev. N. A. McEachern were the speakers at the Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg.

Mrs. P. Kee, Presbyterial President, Mrs. George Leckie, Press Secretary and Mrs. D. Johnstone, Vice-President of the Presbyterial, drove to Stonewall and gave an account of the meeting of the W.M.S. Council in Saskatoon. Stonewall Auxiliary was much encouraged and inspired by this visit and greatly enjoyed the addresses. The Auxiliary was organized about a year ago and is doing very good work.

Mrs. Kee and Mrs. Leckie were heartily welcomed at Old Kildonan where they went to give a talk on the Council Meeting. Mrs. Kee also addressed St. James Church W.M.S. on the same subject. Calvin Presbyterian W.M.S. held an open meeting in the Church at which both these ladies gave addresses on the work of the W.M.S. and the Council meeting. The stories of pioneer days, as told by Dr. McQueen and related by Mrs. Leckie, were both amusing and impressive.

Calvin W.M.S. held their Thank-offering in the Church. Mrs. Hutchison spoke a few kindly words, Mrs. Kee gave a lantern slide lecture, showing the work of the W.M.S. It was greatly appreciated as was also the pageant by the C.G.I.T.

During the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba, a very profitable conference was held by Manitoba Provincial, Winnipeg Presbyterial, the President of Brandon Presbyterial and Miss McDonald, Mrs. Oaks and Miss Connell of Neepawa, who were delegates. Mrs. Robson, who has returned from the Old Country, was heartily welcomed. Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President, occupied the chair at both sessions. Many matters pertaining to the W.M.S. were considered and crooked paths made straight. We cannot expect that all rough places will be smooth, but we are going on and striving to do our best. It was a conference to be remembered. The next afternoon a tea was held at the home of Mrs. Cadwell, in honor of the delegates and members.

ONTARIO

Mrs. H. H. Allen, 112 Bedford Road, Toronto, Press Secretary

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held, (D.V.), in First Church, Brockville, April 26th, 27th and 28th. It is particularly requested that the name and full address, city, street and number, rural route or post office box of each delegate be sent to Mrs. Albert Grant, 36 Sherwood St., Brockville, not later than April 1st.

Railway Information

Convention rates are being granted by the lines governed by the Canadian Passengers Association, Eastern Lines.

"If 150 or more attend, return fare will cost one-half single fare plus 25 cents validation fee. Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 21st to April 27th inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including May 2nd. Standard certificates are only issued when single fare is not less than seventy-five cents. Will delegates please remember to buy a single first-class ticket asking at time of purchase for a standard certificate. Delegates living outside the boundaries governed by the Eastern Lines Division of the Canadian Passengers Association, in order to benefit by convention rates should buy a regular return ticket to the nearest point and from there buy a single fare ticket asking at the same time for a standard certificate."

Kingston P.S.—St. Andrew's Y.W.A., Kingston, held a delightful

meeting in November when Professor J. A. Roy gave an illustrated lecture on Edinburgh. Interspersed during the lecture were songs that fitted into the story, sung by Mrs. Wood, Vancouver, Dr. Phillips Macdonell and Mr. Freeman Waugh.

Peterborough P.S.—The fiftieth anniversary of St. Paul's W.M.S., Peterborough, was celebrated on Friday evening December 10th. There were ladies present who were able to look back to the very first meetings and kindly messages came from former officers. Mrs. Strachan, of Toronto, gave an inspiring address on the work of the W.M.S., and Mrs. Ewart, who for six years has been President of the Presbyterial, told of the earnestness of all her workers whether in large or small Auxiliaries, all were eager to do their best for the work of the W.M.S. and the Church. Mr. Dutton brought kindly greetings from the Session.

Superior P.S.—Splendid reports from Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. groups from Fort Francis, Port Arthur and Fort William were given at the Executive meeting held at the home of Mrs. Hogarth, January 12th. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported over 900 visits to hospitals and the sick at home and 95 visits to strangers. First Church, Port Arthur, asked to have the Annual Meeting in their new church in March. The Treasurer reported having received fifteen per cent. more than the allocation. There were 5 Senior and 2 Junior Life Memberships in the year.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B. NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, on January 28th. This meeting was of particular interest being the first in the new Church, and also the first since the disruption. Mrs. James McAra presided and Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Moose Jaw, was the outstanding speaker.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Very encouraging Thank-offering meetings were held in Knox and St. Paul's Auxiliaries, Moose Jaw, both have met their allocations. Financially, St. Paul's stands second in the Presbyterial per member, Pambrum being in the lead. We are very glad indeed to welcome Mrs. H. R. Horne to Moose Jaw.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—The Provincial Board met in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, on January 5th. Members from all over the province were present. Mrs. W. G. Brown presided. Reports from all Secretaries were most encouraging. In June, 1925, they had 11 groups; they have now 47. The financial report was most satisfactory. It is expected that each Presbyterial will double the allocation. At the evening session Mrs. Sharp, convener of the School Home committee,

gave a very interesting report on the progress of the work. Cold weather has delayed operations but it was hoped that the opening would take place soon. The Home, which is situated on 916 Spadina Crescent, will accommodate 42 girls. Mrs. H. R. Horne was present and addressed the members on the work that was being done by the W.M.S. and congratulated the women of Saskatchewan on the splendid spirit that had been shown in the face of great difficulties. The Annual Provincial Meeting will be held in Regina the first week in April.

The Annual Presbyterial Meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, on January 19th. Delegates from North Battleford, Saskatoon and Prince Albert were present. Owing to the temperature being 40 below zero, those from the country points were unable to attend. Following the President's address, the financial statement was presented which showed that the allocation for 1926 had been more than doubled. This was followed by an address of welcome from the Prince Albert ladies. In answer to the roll call an interesting account of the work being done by the various Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups, etc., was given. All reports were most encouraging. An address by the Provincial President was followed by election of officers. At the evening session addresses were given by Miss Scott, Rev. W. A. Cameron, and Rev. J. R. Graham. An invitation was extended to the Presbyterial to meet in North Battleford next year.

At the Kindersley Thank-offering meeting Miss Scott gave a splendid address. Visitors were present from Alsask, Coleville and Brock. The members of this Auxiliary are using the Study Book "Moslem Women." They have a membership of 22 and every one subscribes to *Glad Tidings*. The Thank-offering amounted to $53.00. They have a real live W.M.S. and an excellent President.

Jewish Notes

"THE Prince of Wales will visit Palestine in April to dedicate the war cemetery on Mount Scopus, states a despatch from Jerusalem." —*Jewish Missionary Magazine.*

"The latest returns show that 21,000 Jews entered Palestine during the Hebrew calendar year 5686, terminating on September 8, 1926."

"The task in Palestine is to build up systematically an economic organism constructed of Jews . . . The programme for the next ten years is to settle in Palestine about 30,000 Jews annually."—Dr. Ruppin, before the German Zionist Conference, in *Trusting and Toiling.*

Will the members of our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands bear up in prayer the work amongst the Jews recently undertaken by our Women's Missionary Society?

Life Members

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES

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For Life Membership Pins apply to Miss Parsons, Room 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Gold pins $2.50, silver pins 75c. Money must accompany all orders.

Alberta Provincial.—

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Jean McKay, Nora McCoy, Ian McIntosh, "Goforth" M.B., Strathcona Ch., Edmonton; Mary Webster, Lorna Perry, Phyllis Forbes, "I.X.L." M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Lethbridge.

British Columbia Provincial.—

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Esther McGivern, Sylvia Lavery, "Busy Bee" M.B., St. Stephen's Ch., New Westminster; Jean Henderson, "Gwen Webster," M.B., Creston.

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SMITH.—At Leamington, on December 30, 1926, Mrs. Wm. Smith, beloved President of Knox Church Auxiliary, a Life Member, and President for years of the "Star" Mission Band.

MILLER.—On December 30, 1926, at Cardinal, Ont., Mrs. Helen Miller, a member of the W.M.S. for forty years, and also a Life Member.

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A correction.—In February, the Auxiliaries of N. Battleford, St. Andrew's Ch., Saskatoon, Dinsmore, Kindersley, Watrous and Mission Bands in Prince Albert and N. Battleford were inadvertently listed as new organizations, and Tisdale as a Ladies' Aid instead of an Auxiliary. These Societies were all reported by the Corresponding Secretary and appeared in the different issues.

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	$78,678.42

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Social Service	799.07
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Library	18.12
Student	60.50
Candidate	7.75
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Organization	400.00
Administration	882.63
	$6,023.91

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Credit Balance, November 30th, 1926	$73,228.35	
Receipts	78,678.42	
Disbursements		$ 6,023.91
Bank Balance		29,562.84
General Savings		31,172.44
Pension Fund		3,556.43
Sustaining Fund		21,181.83
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Easter Number

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

The Weeds

HE had a garden in the city, just below the palace, a garden of beauty. And then there came the weeds.

And, at the first he fought them, but then they grew and grew, and he said that there could be no garden without weeds. And he heeded not.

And because he was lazy, and let both his dreams and his vigilance fly away, the weeds grew higher and higher. And he never noticed.

And, one day, a party of soldiers came with hatchets and knives, on an order from the governor for firewood. And they cut down some old trees which had ceased to bear, and some brambles with them. And he heeded not.

And later one came to him and told him of a trial in the palace above his garden, and of how the brambles from his garden had been woven into a crown of thorns and pressed upon Christ's brow.

—McEwan Lawson in The Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin.

THE WOMAN'S DAY OF PRAYER with its fellowship of intercession has passed, leaving rich and helpful memories of girls and women speaking different languages, following different customs and of different creeds united in intercession for missions the wide world over. All through the day the consciousness that unceasing prayer was being offered was ever present in the thoughts of a multitude of people and, when the hour approached for the service throughout Canada, the women, with one accord, gathered together.

The purpose of this meeting, in many instances, found expression in a message by the leader. The one which we heard and which we quote,

did much to prepare the hearts of the hearers for the prayers which followed by members of different denominations, the Salvation Army and the Baptist Church (colored).

"This is 'The world Day of Prayer—a fellowship of intercession for every woman of every land'. We know that 'more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of—for so the whole round world is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God'—so we can hardly realize the inestimable value, to ourselves and to the world, of this Woman's Day of Prayer.

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows what is best for us, and let us remember that whatsoever we ask of God, we must work for too. We should pray with as much earnestness as those who expect everything of God, and we should work with as much energy as those who expect everything from themselves. Prayer, without works, like faith without works, is not of much avail. The prayer that begins with trustfulness and passes on into waiting and working, will always end with thankfulness and praise. God dwells far off from us, but prayer brings Him down to our earth, and links His power with our effort. Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory due to His name, and God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort.

God is infinitely great in himself, we should recognize it in humble adoration. He is infinitely good, we should acknowledge it by grateful thanksgiving. We have constant need of His blessings, so let us open our hearts to Him, and in worship, thanksgiving, and prayer, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us ask with faith, and we shall receive those blessings, in full measure, abundantly, more than we can ask or think."

AT THE YEARLY STOCKTAKING in London of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its Auxiliary, the Canadian Bible Society, a record of progress was unfolded. The total number of languages now on the British and Foreign Bible Society's list of translations is 579. Fifty years ago Africa had select portions of the scriptures in fifty languages; to-day there are 180 languages in which the British and Foreign Bible Society has printed at least one complete book in Holy Writ. When the Society reached its centenary, it was circulating five million copies a year; and twenty years afterwards it was circulating close on ten and a half millions. The large majority of this striking total consists of portions, some complete book of the Bible, sold for the most part in missionary spheres, and affording an idea of the remarkable spread of Christian influence throughout the heathen world. Their colporteurs number 900—disinterested, self-denying, devoted workers, carrying out millions of copies and preparing the way for the Church of Christ. Turbulence in China has turned to the furtherance of the gospel. The Chinese phrase for gratuitous suffering, "eating bitterness", is descriptive of the colporteurs in China, and of colporteurs in other lands as well. Bravely, however, they bear up and carry on. In

Canada, cheering accounts of colportage in the east and in the west show how well foundations are being laid for the missionary enterprise of the Church at home. The Moslems in the world are said to number 230 millions. A notable change is making itself apparent in numbers of these people. The Bible Society has the Bible for them in seventy-three languages, and the colporteurs find new approachableness among them. There are, however, countless fanatics, and where no missionary may go the printed volume readily makes its way.

We read with delight that a Bible House is being erected in Jerusalem. The location is most desirable and the cost of the site has been met by special contributions for this purpose. This Bible House will be dedicated to the futherance of Bible circulation, that those who crowd around the City gates may read in their own tongue the mighty works of God. All those who are interested in this new development of the work of the Bible Society in Bible lands, are asked to remember it in prayer.

Mrs. S. B. Rohold, of Haifa, Palestine, in a letter just received, draws a most encouraging picture of the results attending the work among the Jews in which she and her husband, Rev. S. B. Rohold, are engaged. "There has," she says, "been a crisis here during the past few months which has opened many doors of service for us. All of our meetings, night schools, medical work, etc., are crowded, and the people come in great numbers. Even the gospel services are so largely attended that often we have to close the doors as we have not room for them inside. There is a wonderful open-mindedness among the people, and they are ready to listen to the gospel message."

Miss Ethel Reid, of South China, was in Windsor for a month, helping with the Chinese work and assisting Mr. and Mrs. Lang with the class. There are seven Chinese women there, two of them are Christian, one of the women and two children being recently baptized. Miss Reid also visited the Chinese women in London, Chatham and Ingersoll. It was a great cause of delight to our missionary to find that one of the women in Chatham was known to her, the families being members of one of their churches in China.

Miss Ada Adams has been appointed to missionary work in Formosa. We are extremely fortunate in this appointment for Miss Adams is not only a trained kindergarten teacher but has also a knowledge of the language, having been born in China.

WE REPORT WITH VERY DEEP REGRET the resignation from the Council Executive of Mrs. John McNicol.

OUR W.M.S. SUBSCRIBES FOR or receives in exchange a number of interesting magazines, and reports. As we are anxious that our members should share these with us, the Council Executive has asked that readers be informed that these magazines are on file in the head office and that any member who wishes to look them over or make extracts for papers from them, will be welcome to do so, only the magazines or books cannot be taken from the office.

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WOULD ANY ONE POSSESSING A BIBLE suitable for pulpit use kindly communicate with our Library Secretary, Miss I. S. Pringle, 30 Lowther Avenue, Toronto 5.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSIGNMENT of missions fields to the United Church and our Church, deputations are being sent by both Churches to those fields which have been allotted to them. The Presbyterian delegates appointed to visit our British Guiana Mission are, Mr. C. S. Macdonald, of Brampton, Rev. F. G. Vesey, of Korea, appointees of our Church, and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll representing our W.M.S. They leave shortly, and go at the urgent request of the mission.

OUR READERS WILL BE INTERESTED to know that the Orloff chickens, which Mr. Shaw of Swift Current, Sask., very kindly donated to Fort McMurray Hospital, have arrived safely. Mr. Shaw assures the Superintendent that they will stand the north land climate as they are frost-proof.

In acknowledging this "unique and novel gift," Miss Ross says, "If they thrive they certainly will be a boon to this country and a great asset, for, up to date, there is only one other person who keeps chickens."

ALL MATERIAL FOR THE *Glad Tidings* must be in the hands of the Editor before the first of the month previous to the date of issue in order to ensure its appearance when expected.

Wanted at Once.—A missionary teacher for the Berbice Girls' High School in New Amsterdam, British Guiana. For particulars apply to Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Candidate Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 66 Woodlawn Ave., W., Toronto 5, Ontario.

The Spirit in which our Provinces are Accepting Their Allocation

THE splendid spirit shown by our members in accepting the increased allocation sent to them for 1927 is illustrated in the extracts taken from some of the reports which have been received.

"I am sending out allocations for $4,300.00, the amount raised for 1926. Whether we reach this or not I cannot tell, but I see no reason why we shall not. If we can go beyond this it will be a great pleasure to us. We can try anyway."—*Alberta.*

We asked for $3,500 and they gave $4,300.

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(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
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The Secret Knowledge of the Risen Christ

EXTRACTS FROM A SERMON BY REV. JOHN A. HUTTON, M.A., D.D., PREACHED IN WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON EASTER MORNING, APRIL, 20, 1924.

> *"Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead."*—Acts x., 40-41.

THE life and death of Jesus were in public: the Resurrection and Ascension were in private. So long as He was going about doing good, living out the life which had been appointed Him, He was to be seen by all men. There were of course occasions, hours here and there, when Jesus withdrew from the public gaze, times when He wished to be alone with those few who believed in Him. And there were times when He wished to be quite alone, that is to say, with God. But these were short intervals of seclusion—such as are inevitable in the case of everyone—in a life which on the whole was passed openly before the eyes of men. Jesus walked by the common highways. He was to be found in

the Synagogue. He was present at one wedding party. He may have been present at many. He took supper in the house of a well-known Jew. In short, Jesus showed Himself openly to the world, mingling freely with men, frequenting busy places where people congregate, as if He also was willing to be seen and known and spoken to. The consequence was that the name of Jesus was quite familiar to people. They knew His figure on the streets. When they heard Him speak, one could say to another: "It not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, the carpenter, whom we know?" Thus He lived openly in the eyes of all the world. Men could see Him and listen to Him and speak to Him without effort.

And as His life was lived openly, so His death was a public spectacle. He was crucified on the top of a hill just outside the city-wall. In a place, that is to say, where all men might see Him, where passers-by might see Him almost without looking. He was crucified at a time, too, when strangers from all parts were gathered into Jerusalem. As many of these as cared could see Him in that agony of death which for Jesus had no quiet room, no silence, no decency.

In after years, when the name of Jesus and His Resurrection were preached in the far-off lands from which they had come, those strangers would remember that they had seen Him die. Thus, He died as he had lived, openly, before the eyes of men. Careless people, scoffers, the malicious ones who thought they had gained their point, saw Jesus on Calvary. Aye, but they never saw Him again!

For, turn now to what we are told of Jesus in the days that followed His burial. How changed is everything! Jesus, who formerly was to be seen by all men, reveals Himself now only to one here and there, and always to His friends only. The world as such has never seen the Risen Lord. He appears no more to men in the mass; but to solitary individuals who at the time are recalling the days they had spent with Him, and who are sad because those days are past. He appears now no more in public, but always in private, and only to those who are eager to see Him, and prepared. The careless ones see Him no more. He appears now to Mary who had gone all alone to His grave to anoint His body with spices. He appears to Peter who was trying to forget, in the scenes and occupations of his early days, his love and his shame. He appears to the little company who had been with Him through the dark and trying times. He appears to them once, when Thomas was not with them; and again, when Thomas was with them—this time for the sake of Thomas. He appears to those eleven men whom a common love and a common loss brought together. He appears to them when the doors are shut, when no one is speaking, when they are sitting together probably in the very room where, on the night of the betrayal,

He had broken bread amongst them. He appears to them when they are sitting together, glad to be near one another, in that silence and support of friends which we ourselves still crave when our grief is at its deepest. It was in such an hour and to human hearts reduced to such a state of tenderness that He appeared—He of whom they were all thinking at the moment. It was the Voice of one dear to them that broke the silence and breathed over them the words: "Peace be unto you"; and, looking up, they saw Him there, and the bitterness was past for ever.

It is this that I wish to think over along with you: how, while there are things about Jesus which are plain to all men, to the careless, aye, even to His enemies, there are nevertheless other things which are made known or are verified only to those who look to Jesus, not with a casual eye, but out of the deep and even tragic places of their life; only to those who feel their burden, their secret, drawing them towards Christ with a kind of inevitableness, by a certain pressure of faith and sorrow. As we have said, the life and death of Jesus were in public; the Resurrection and Ascension were in private. All men knew that Jesus had lived and had died; the world still knows as much as that. But it was only to selected spirits that He showed Himself risen from the dead and alive for evermore. Men had need only of their eyes and ears to see Him live and to hear the words He spoke: but they needed a certain training, a certain eagerness of the soul, a certain previous experience—before they could see and feel the Presence of the Risen Lord. As the Scripture puts it—"Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead."

When Thou Prayest

ASK THAT OUR:

Church Boards—General Board of Missions, W.M.S. Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Executives, Department Committees and Secretaries may have a clear vision of their tasks, and that in their deliberations and decisions they may be guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit, that God's will may be fulfilled through them.

That money may be forthcoming to meet all needs.

Books and Thimbles

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS ON LIBRARY AND SUPPLY WORK

"JUST at Christmas time a man drove up to my door and asked me for a generous supply of reading matter, magazines preferred, for two camps. He said they were out of everything. He lives fifteen miles from Gilmour and the men forbade him to come back on pain of death, unless he came with plenty of reading. I gave him a nice box full and a big sack full besides, and he went off happy.

On New Year's Day a man asked me for a supply for a camp I had not known about and told me how it would be appreciated. He too went away with a big sack full and a happy smile on his face.

We lately heard of a tiny school that had a big shelf of magazines, and the children took them home and read them. Any literature that is suitable is sent to these poor schools. Books on birds, animals, trees, plants, travel, history, etc., are acceptable.

If each county that is sparsely settled, like North Hastings, could have a similar circle of reading it would be of lasting benefit not only to men in camps but to the growing youth. If all the churches saw to it that the good reading matter which is destroyed was made use of, how much better these out of the way places would be, how much more liveable, and what an educational work would be accomplished. I see the good it does here, and there are so many places that lack. There are no lectures, teas, movies, clubs, and, in many places, no Sunday Schools, and Church services may be only every fortnight, or once a month. This part is beautiful in spring, summer or autumn, and is really a tourist paradise then, but when the tourists go it is flat and lonesome. Very few have a radio and a Christmas tree is something to be remembered from Christmas to Christmas." *North Hastings.*

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"I wrote you about the school teacher in———. There is no Sunday School there and she gathers the children about her on Sundays and with another woman's help teaches them God's word as best she can. She has no supplies of any kind and, as there are only twelve families in the school section, and they are doing the almost impossible to keep the school open and pay the taxes, they are not able to get supplies. She just pitied those boys and girls and is trying her best to do them good and lead them in the way of life. I have placed a number of suitable books in the school library to be used as the children need them.

I sent quite a large supply of books and papers to a place some 15 miles north-west of here. The school teacher came to me and said 'can you help those children.' I gave her permission to take a good quantity of books back with her and then made up a large bundle of Sunday

School papers and *Boy's World* and *Girl's Companion,* etc. She remarked, 'How good to be able to give those things to them free,' and how it will help out where there is nothing for them but to vegetate or get into mischief; so you can judge for yourself 'if the game is worth the candle burned'."

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"Our appeal for libraries and Sunday School literature met with splendid response. The first library to arrive was from Ottawa Presbyterial, just the material I needed was in that box. The missionary books I passed on to the Auxiliaries, but the others and the primary literature I gave to the student in charge of Micksburg and Lake Dore. Then Chalmers Church, Toronto, sent two splendid lots. Part of those I am taking to Stewartville, who lost their Church and all their Sunday School equipment. Kingston sent me a couple of fine picture rolls, some *Glad Tidings,* and *Records,* and four good books. But a princely gift came from Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto—almost one hundred of the best missionary books I ever came across. I simply gloated over that lot, and I am dividing them up into five or six in each bundle, and taking them to my rural Auxiliaries. It was just what I needed most, many of our workers having gone, and new women starting to carry on the work need the missionary literature, which I shall try to get them to exchange when read. The committee who made the selection of books, must have been inspired."—*Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial.*

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"I received the bale of clothing but I am not distributing the things just now as we have no roads, the only way to get around is on snow shoes."

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"Many, many thanks for sending such useful garments for us all. We are very grateful. It is such a help where there are little ones. This being our first winter we will all need to be well protected from the cold, and it is a great blessing to get warm garments that we cannot afford to buy. Thanks also for the nice jar of fruit, I will bring it out as a special treat for the children some Sunday afternoon."

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"Only a week ago I gave one of your nice soft, warm quilts to an old lady who is quite ill and found the heavy quilts so uncomfortable with weight, in her weakness. She appreciated this gift so much. I also gave her some of the pillow cases, tea towels and the flannelette blankets. The old couple are living alone, and were going to have a little birthday party—just the two to be at the party—so I filled a little basket with candies, nuts, grapes, oranges, and a nice pair of socks and mitts from your bale and sent the old man away with a full heart. It will be the last birthday party that they will celebrate, as the old lady cannot get better. They are both seventy years of age."

"Those quilts are certainly very beautiful and warm and will make people happy for a long time. The coats and dresses are also appreciated. The kitty cats are delightful for the children and the dolls for the older girls; while the beads on strings are something of a wonder, as people do not see them out here on the prairie. The mufflers met a great need and made people say, 'Oh! how nice and warm. My! I should have had one long ago.' Then those baby clothes and quilts they certainly made the mothers smile. The books with pictures pasted in them are very nice, also the post cards. I must say the little hand-bags were cute for the girls. Some of these things were sent up north about six hundred miles from here where they live forty miles from a railroad, there they will be distributed. We have sent out nearly all the puzzles, but have not heard about them yet, as some went by mail and it is too cold to go out when the south-east and east wind is blowing and the temperature is twenty to twenty-five degrees below zero.

P.S. Some people said they would like to see the homes of the better class and the well-educated, for they only see them on post cards."

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"It was glad tidings when your letter came to say there was another bale on the way for the Indians.

This is by far the worst winter we have had for many years, my thermometer registered 50 degrees below zero the last two mornings. It is not difficult to imagine the impoverished condition of our natives when the weather is so severe. They are so improvident when fortune smiles on them, and as soon as fortune frowns they have much difficulty in sustaining life with lower vitality. It is almost impossible for the missionary to supply all the needy ones with sufficient clothing, there must be at least 50 per cent. who live from hand to mouth with no thought for the morrow until it comes with all its difficulties. On account of the dreadful weather we had last fall those that do farming are worse off than those who do not till the soil. The grain men will not buy what little grain they have, there is too much ice in it from wet threshing and when the warm weather comes it will rot.

We had a good time at Christmas, the weather was mild and very few missed the opportunity of a good feed and gifts for all who came, young and old. When things get discouraging the thought of kind friends and their remembrance at Christmas time impels us to sing 'Count Your Blessings'."

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"There were at least four cases with a large number of children in each instance, where, without your help, I do not know how we could have provided sufficient bedding to keep them from freezing. You are doing a great work. It is hard to estimate the bond such

actions of yours create between new people in these newer parts, and the older and more established parts and people of the Church and province. It is real missionary work.''

Wanted—Fifty Missionaries in Five Years for the Bhils

JOHN BUCHANAN, M.D.

I HAVE just been at the school to hear the hundred and twenty pupils rehearse the thirty verses learned during the month. Ruth has these dear Christian Bhil boys and girls learn a verse of Scripture each day and keep reviewing, so as not to forget them. The month was up to-day. The Bhils speak to one another in Bhili but as there is no Bhili literature, Hindi is the language taught in our schools. So it was a great joy to hear those 120, in perfect unison, in perfect cadence, clearly and distinctly, without a hitch, repeating in Hindi those thirty verses of God's word.

While I was still under the spell of it all, I was asked if I would say something to the school. So I just told them I was glad they were so faithfully learning the Scriptures. Thirty a month, if kept up, would be three hundred verses in ten months. This would greatly help them:

1st. To learn Hindi well.

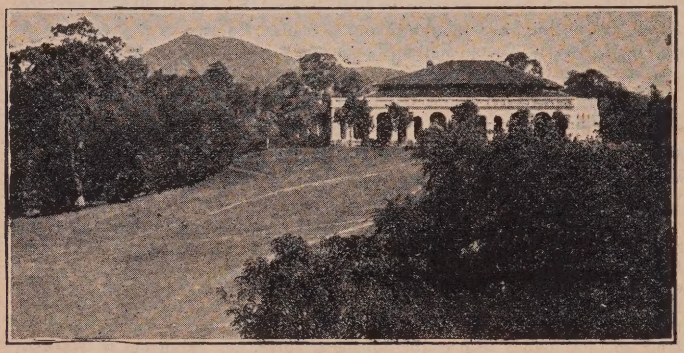
2nd. To fight the demons. The Word of God is the ''Sword of the Spirit.'' They could not chase away devils by their fists, nor ''Bhuts'' by sticks nor even by bows and arrows, but no fiend from the lowest pit could stand before the ''Sword of the Spirit.'' To make this last a little more practical as one of the lessons had been from Proverbs on temperance, and we are after the drink evil as are you, I asked those to hold up their hands who could tell me a verse, *i.e.*, bring out a sword to meet an evil spirit in some friend tempting them to take a little strong drink. Twenty-four bright eyes sparkled and considered. Then the little hands began to go up, especially among the bigger boys and girls. A clean-cut elder's son was asked for his sword, and out it came bright for execution. ''Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of the eyes?'' and the answer, ''They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.''

Five year old Dina, forty-five inches from the ground, took the platform and led the whole school in the repetition of the ten commandments. With her sparkling rows of baby teeth and gentle modest manner, true to her name, ''poor in spirit,'' she was surely ''blessed.'' She is of the first generation of Christians. John, her big brother, is a teacher in the school. Her father, Chimliya, was a mature man when baptized. But he learned to read his Bible in Hindi and is one of the real highland reserved but masterful elder type. There are seven children

and two grand children in this family and all have been brought up to respect and obey their parents and reverence God's word.

To-morrow, because it is Saturday, and not a day is to be lost, their hard working teacher's birthday, due yesterday, will be celebrated by the school and some of the fathers and mothers with parched chana and country sweets. Yum! Yum! On Sunday, a new set of fifty texts will be begun. Thus soldiers are being trained. Canadian Captains are wanted to come and lead them to victory. Who are getting ready? Are you?

Beside this Ali Rajpur state, there are seven other Bhil states without a missionary. Each has from 15,000 to 120,000 just such Bhil people. Pioneer missionaries with a pioneer spirited Church behind them are wanted right now. It may be rather a roughish life but the rewards are sure for men and women of the Calvin, Knox and Florence Night-



DR. BUCHANAN'S BUNGALOW

ingale type. Courage, high faith and practical love never fail among such people as the Bhils. I believe that God is now calling us to a practical possible propaganda for the evangelization of the Bhils in this generation. To do this we want

FIFTY MISSIONARIES IN FIVE YEARS FOR THE BHILS!!

If the Presbyterian Churches of Canada choose persons effective at home, we shall, by God's grace, have in our day, "A Christian nation in the heart of India." So said that great Christian statesman, who knew the Bhils and called us Presbyterians to the task. "A few years of faithful work," he said, "and this shall be your reward." That unique British political agent, Captain de Lassoe, was a seer, a prophet. He being dead yet speaketh. Let us have faith to "Go up and possess the land for we are well able." "He is faithful."

Impressions of Four Great Mission Conferences

MISSIONARY women of the Protestant Church in North America follow with keen interest every year the deliberations of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The first of these notable gatherings was held this year in Philadelphia from January 4th-7th, the second in Atlantic City from January 8th-14th, and numbered among their delegates were Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who represented the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Four hundred delegates—men and women—attended the Home Missions Council and 352 representatives of 57 Mission Boards and Societies were enrolled for the Foreign Missions Conferences.

A résumé of these meetings and her impressions of them was given by Miss MacMurchy, on her return, to a large meeting of women in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Mrs. McKerroll being prevented by illness from sharing in the presentation. No summary such as we here present can begin to do justice to the picture Miss MacMurchy wove of these great gatherings.

In her opening remarks Miss MacMurchy stated that the whole attendance at these conferences was the cream of Church citizenship in the United States, for the men and women at these meetings had for their main object the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the United States and overseas.

She paid worthy tribute to the beautiful devotional services, which appealed to the hearts and souls of all, the most remarkable presentation being by Dr. Cornelius Patton, New York, based on the Prayer Service used in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's in connection with the recent great spiritual revival of the Church of England. This, combined with the retreat on Sunday morning with the theme brought from the Committee of the International Missionary Council at Rattvik, "only as new tides of spiritual life begin to flow within the Church can the waiting tasks be fulfilled," prepared the delegates for the consideration of almost overwhelming responsibilities.

In the conduct of the sessions Miss MacMurchy admired greatly the way business was done and stated that the women of Canada conducted their meetings quite as well, as those of the United States. The meetings in both countries are very similar.

"The Responsibility of the Church in Rural Communities" was the central theme of the Home Missions Council, and "The Family of Nations in the Kingdom of God," that of the Foreign Missions Conference.

After fifty years longer of missionary service the United States find

themselves to-day very much in the same situation as we do here in Canada regarding the problem of the rural Church, and addresses and reports revealed many earnest efforts in the direction of better Church conditions in rural territories. "The Larger Parish Plan" by which surrounding Churches co-operated in looking after the rural communities was one of the newly inaugurated methods which was proving a success. Instance was given of a strong congregation closing its doors on a Sunday evening so that the members could attend the rural Churches in their vicinity, thus enlarging the tiny congregations and strengthening the hearts of their members.

The training of rural leaders and the education of the immigrants was another pressing problem. Summer Schools were proposed as one means of solving the difficulty, also the provision of literature and newspapers for the newcomers.

In the discussion of Home Mission problems, the prevailing opinion seemed to be in favor of co-operation—of a federated plan. Over and over again the work was spoken of as co-operative. No sect or Church was mentioned. Fifty longer years of missionary work has helped to achieve this.

Dr. Harrison W. Forham declared that the answer to the question, "What are the elements which will guarantee Christlike relationship in the communities," was found in the demand of the young people, even those outside the Church, the practical business men, educators and all social service agencies that God be put in the centre. The supreme motive for missionary work is God's love in us.

Dr. John McDowell summed up the work in the rural communities in these words:

"There is no hope for this land or any other land apart from the Kingdom of God. There is no hope for the Kingdom of God apart from the Christian Church. There is no hope for the Christian Church apart from an apostolic leadership by men of vision and knowledge of the gospel of Christ."

Two executive meetings preceded the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and were devoted to a discussion of problems of administration, and the speaker expressed her admiration of the way these women went into the smallest detail in their search for ways and means of reducing expenditure, and of their masterly presentation of budgets.

The arrangements for the Day of Prayer and the study books for 1927-28 "The Straight Way Toward To-Morrow" for adults, and "Please Stand By" for children were thoroughly discussed.

That women are doing all they can for the furtherance of inter-racial relationship was shown in their touch with foreign students.

To combat the apathy by the young people to-day towards foreign mission work we must lead them into study of missions so that they may see the need of missions.

In the discussion of International Friendship nothing arrested the attention of the missionary women more than the statement that the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was a corporate member of the Canadian Branch of the League of Nations Society and that our magazine contains articles on this subject to help the leaders, and one could feel the unexpressed hope of many of the delegates that the United States would some day enter the League.

The contribution of youth to the family of nations was tremendously interesting, the Oriental students contributing most of that conference. The view-point of the young people was that entering foreign mission work was not an act of self-sacrifice, it was their Christian duty, and they refused to accept a halo for so doing.

Miss Michi Kawai, of Japan, one of the most brilliant speakers of this conference, expressed the hope "that what you call the 'Youth Movement' may never enter our country. Youth has not everything to give. Every person, young and old, has some contribution to make to the uplift of nations, all ages must work together."

Mrs. Warnshuis felt that the Orient to-day is a neighborhood of this continent, and that if the work of the missionaries is to be effective they must deal with these people as brothers and sisters, and go to them with the idea that we are going to get as much from them as we are going to give.

Dr. Warnshuis gave a notable address and his statement that the United States is in serious danger of losing the real vision of Jesus Christ might be, the speaker thought, equally true of Canada.

The contribution of Christian Orientals to the conference was of no mean order. The appeal of a colored delegate was, send well educated men and women to Africa—for there are no greater missionary workers in the world than Africans—and the United States has them ready at hand in their educated Christian negroes and can send preachers for preaching and teachers for teaching. One could not help but hope that some day the Presbyterian Church will open work in Africa.

Dr. Robert E. Speer spoke on the situation in China and especially the situation of the Church. If the Church means men gathered in groups here and there, believing things in common and worshipping in common, we have reason to be aglow with hope. But if the Church is an organization of visible institutions, with a ministry, sacraments, teaching service and all that that implies, the question is, how far does it function as such in China. The Church must have leadership, it must be economically independent—which is a new thought to the Chinese who have been accus-

tomed to the temples being endowed, to worshipping and giving offerings with no special obligation to support. The result is that there are 32 self-supporting Presbyterian Churches (no reports being received from other denominations) in China, over against 99 in Japan and 547 in Korea. It must be self-propagating. The real problem is to find the living units and build upon them as the living foundations.

Miss MacMurchy expressed the hope that in the future, in Canada, we would have a Federation of our Women's Missionary Societies which would be related to those of the United States and effective work done by co-operation in the study of problems similar in both countries and also in overseas fields.

The message that came to us from these meetings is—The Voice of God calls, let us rise at once and do His work.

Our Saskatoon Girls' Home as Others See It

GLEANINGS FROM LETTERS

THE HOME is just wonderful. Every one who sees it is impressed with it, and so many have commented on the beautiful site. The girls' rooms look so nice, and the dining room and study are beautiful. Miss Scott has a charming little suite.

In addition to home duties and attending meetings, the ladies from our Churches assisted in the settling. First of all, an immense dray load of bales was taken from the basement of St. Andrew's Manse, where they had been stored. A group of ladies worked for two days unpacking, listing and storing away in the linen closets, quilts, blankets, sheets, etc., Another group spent a day washing the dishes and silver, and putting them away. The next group of women blanket-stitched all the silence cloths and the last group put up the curtains which they had already made at their homes. Besides this, different men came every evening for about a week to put the furniture in place, and they were just as willing to come as the women, and even St. Andrew's Boys' Club, with their leader, Mr. Macdonald, came and cleared the snow away from the front and made a walk.

Everyone is delighted with the lovely things sent from Toronto, and think such good taste and judgment was displayed in the furnishings.

Tribute has also been paid to the Building Committee who are described as, "truly wonderful." Had the Home been their own they could not have been more particular or careful. They have stood at the back of everything and their help and advice has been invaluable.

As the Presbytery was meeting in Saskatoon, it was decided to

entertain them to dinner in the Home, also the Building Committee and their wives, also those of the Advisory Committee resident in Saskatoon, and the architect, Mr. Webster, and his wife. Twenty-four sat down. Rev. W. G. Brown had just been elected Moderator, so he was master of ceremonies and called for a few remarks from Mr. Sharpe, Chairman of the Building Committee. Rev. Peter Fisher, of North Battleford, welcomed Miss Scott in such a nice address, and Miss Scott, as Superintendent, expressed her welcome to the first guests in the Home.

All were loud in praise of the Home and said they were quite sure it would be full next fall. Three girls registered before it was opened. The hope and prayer of all is that this Home will fill a very important need in the city of Saskatoon.

A Children's Party at Fort McMurray

MISS OLIVE ROSS

I HAD a little party for the children of Fort McMurray on January 15th, for the purpose of distributing the candy, which the ladies so kindly sent. I issued the invitation in the name of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—a general invitation to all the children (except those in arms), of Fort McMurray and surrounding district, as there would be less chance of any of the families being overlooked. It chanced to be a bright, crisp day, and the last nice day we had before the intense cold came. I engaged the amusement hall for the purpose as, since the hospital has been cut up into rooms, there would not be sufficient space to accommodate them. Sixty children turned out for the event. I prepared the cocoa at the hospital and made sausage rolls, sandwiches, date loaves, and from the baker I purchased cinnamon buns. There was ample for all. I engaged a sleigh as a surprise, and sent all the children for a lovely sleigh ride and they enjoyed it immensely. I also took the victrola, which the ladies from Edmonton sent, and had a few records while the children were having refreshments. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as I heard afterwards.

As I was not sure how many would come, I thought it wiser to take the names of those who attended in order to present them later with the little gifts so kindly sent by the different ladies and Mission Bands. It so happened that the mail following the party brought a large box of games from Medicine Hat. This solved the problem immediately, for there were toys and games and dolls for every one who attended besides the little brothers and sisters who were too small to come. I had a grand time delivering the small gifts, but I chose a very cold day, it was fifty below zero, but I had waited so long for the cold weather to cease,

I felt I could wait no longer. There were many hearts gladdened by the useful and novel gifts, and many a little girl made happier for it was the first doll she ever received. I feel as if I had won the hearts of all the little children, and I can only express my warmest thanks to those ladies who, by their kindly forethought, enabled me to do so.

At the party I invited the President and Secretary of the Women's Institute to assist, also the other woman Sunday School teacher, in this way the different organizations were represented. An ex-patient assisted in parcelling the gifts, and was a great help to me.

The puzzles and games were so nicely done up by the little hands of the workers of the Mission Bands, and the dolls so prettily dressed, I hope all the little girls and boys will hear how much they have helped the little girls and boys up in this lonely part, who never have an opportunity to see the stores in all their gaiety, or anything in the line of beauty only in nature, for this is a pretty place in summer. In this way it takes very little indeed to please them, and they feel as happy as if they owned the whole world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE praise Thee, O God, for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who hath taken away the sin of the world and restored to us everlasting life. As Thou causest the earth to awaken at this time and put on the beauteous garments of spring, so wilt Thou revive our hearts and cause us to bring forth beauties of life and service that shall be well-pleasing in Thy sight. Make us tender and patient to those around us, brave and constant in resisting temptation, and faithful and happy in the circumstances of life to which Thou dost call us. We pray for the members and officers of the Society that they may never be unheeding to Thy voice, that by example and diligence they may show forth the love of Christ which is all-powerful to save the world. We pray for the missionaries of the cross in whatever land and of whatever faith, more especially for our own, that they may be preserved from the lawless doings of evil men, and long spared to labor in their chosen fields. We pray for the forgiveness of our sins, for an increase of love in our hearts to Thee, and entreat Thee for Thine abiding presence with us all the days of our life. Amen.

OUR LETTER BOX

Vancouver, B.C.

"In two and a half months I have received 200 names and have made 110 visits and found many opportunities to render service to the newcomers. The mothers seem to be the most homesick. I try to remind them that the best Friend is here just as in Scotland and that the way to feel at home is to link up with the Church. One case where we were able to be of service was in a home in a very out of the way, isolated spot. When I finally reached it and asked for the man whose name I had been given, the woman seemed overjoyed. "He will be so glad to hear someone has come to visit him," she said. "He has come with high recommendations from his Presbyterian minister in Scotland, but he knows no one here and is so lonely and discouraged and says if he only had a friend to talk to he would not feel so badly." This woman had five children. I urged her to send the older ones to Sunday School. I then got in touch with the nearest Presbyterian minister and he went at once to see the man and got him a position. He is attending Church regularly, three children are in the Sunday School and the whole family is very grateful. I visit quite a few homes where they say they are Presbyterian, but state quite frankly they do not go to Church. In some cases, as in one I visited recently where the man worked twelve hours a day, weekdays and Sundays, so had a little excuse. I am going to get some literature to leave at such homes, it might do some good. In such cases I ask them to send their children to Sunday School and they generally do. I have visited some very fine young people and I try to get them linked up with the young people in their nearest Church. I have spoken of the work at five Auxiliary meetings and was asked to give an account of it before Presbytery. I also gave a short talk at the City Mission. Mrs. Herd and I organized a new Auxiliary in the Vancouver Heights Church which I attend, and I have undertaken to supervise it for the present."

—*Mrs. J. F. MacLean.*

Fort McMurray, Alta.

"We had a bad fire here about two weeks ago and had it been a windy night, the whole business section of Fort McMurray would have been swept away. As it was, it took the most strenuous efforts on the part of all the available men to save the adjacent buildings, and they did this by handing up pail after pail of snow just as fast as they could carry it. Fortunately there were no lives lost, but the little Japanese

woman who lived next door and has been ill, almost collapsed. I offered to bring her to the hospital but she went to neighbors near by. I went back after the fire was out to see that she was comfortable for the night and took her some nourishment. I also went over the next morning and visited her and took the baby some bootees and little dresses and it was wonderful to see how her countenance lit up with appreciation.

The Japanese are Christians and they send three of their little children to Sunday School and they are as bright as can be and always seem to know their lesson. It is when we see cases such as these that we miss the help of a good minister of the gospel. It was grand the night of the fire to see the efforts put forth to help the little man, for he is a much respected citizen.

As far as the cold is concerned, the stoves have been thoroughly tested and taxed to the utmost. The other night it registered fifty-eight below zero. I must admit it was chilly, but we seem to get accustomed to it. For the last week or ten days it has been hovering between forty and fifty, but I have suffered no physical effects, and there is a break in sight. I am confident the worst of the cold weather is over. All my little plants froze. They seemed to be such company, but we must look forward to the lovely spring, and they will not take long growing again.

The chickens are standing the cold weather, but the lady who looks after them had to give me a very bad report about my 'Dick', that is what she calls the rooster. He ventured out of his quarters and fought one of her prize roosters and it nearly ended fatally. However, Dick got off with both eyes bunged up and she had to nurse him for some days. There were six altogether—a rooster and hen and four pullets, a wonderful donation!

I just made two forlorn looking people happy by the donation of two lovely warm coats and stockings for the children. It has been such a surprise to most that the cold has continued so long, for the last two winters in Alberta have been so very mild. It has made it very hard for those who depend on trapping for their livelihood, for the fur has been poor, owing to the intense cold.

I appreciate the kindness of the W.M.S. very much. One cannot help but feel that the work is being blessed and that all the loving prayers are being answered."

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

"In all I think or speak, and do
Whatever way my steps are bent,
God make and keep me strong and true,
Courageous—cheerful—and content."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for May

MOSLEM WOMEN, CHAPTER 4, PP. 156-172

Hymn—"Arm of the Lord Awake, Awake!". *Prayer—Glad Tidings*, p. 132. *Scripture*—1 Cor., 13th chapter. *Minutes. Business. Study Topics*—"The Call of Arabia, Syria, and Persia; the Jerusalem Conference" (see suggestions). *Hymn*—"God is Working His Purpose Out." *Collection. Roll Call. Hymn*—"O Spirit of the Living God." *Closing Prayer* of Thanksgiving, for the power of the Gospel to draw all men.

SUGGESTIONS:

Arabia—Appoint a member to describe the "Confession of two Turkish converts," p. 157, another to read the paragraph on p. 160, "Nowhere . . . this" which shows the Moslems' faithfulness in prayer.

Syria—Chairman—In 1870 the American Presbyterian Board took over this work and all the spiritual and intellectual life which ennobles Syria centres in the Syrian Protestant College, Syria.

Persia—Ask one member to outline the changes that have taken place in the last twenty-five years, p. 166, "For 1300 . . . civilization" and their causes, p. 168.

The Jerusalem Conference—Give a brief statement of this important gathering and close with Dr. Mott's statement on work for women, p. 170, "Owing . . . lands."

Should the April meeting come at Eastertide emphasize the thought that the only spiritual dynamic in work among the Moslems is the living spirit of the Crucified and Risen Christ. Replace the above Scripture reading with Luke 24:1-9 and sing hymns: "Christ the Lord is Risen To-Day" and "The Head that once was Crowned with Thorns."

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

An Easter Message

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre."—John 20:1.

EVERY girl is familiar with that passage in the beautiful Easter story of the risen Christ. To girls it has a particular significance. Mary sought for Jesus early, in the first dawn, when much was still dark and unknown. She did not wait for the noon-day splendor, nor the beautiful glow of the sunset, when all is supposedly made plain by experience and

understanding. Instead, she went forth in what may be interpreted the early years to seek truth as revealed in the presence of Jesus Christ.

And what was her success? It is written "He appeared first unto Mary Magdalene." Peter and John were also nearby at the time, bidden to the sepulchre by her who had discovered the empty tomb, but to them the angels were invisible. She had become aware of the whisperings of the dawn and the glimmerings of truth.

"They that seek me early shall find me."

Some Inspiration Points:

To hear a minister say, "If I am the only minister in Canada to use the Canadian Girl in Training programme, I intend to use it in my Church, for it is the best I know."

To visit a group which grew from five members to forty-five in three months! This is the experience that Miss Lillian Fox and Miss Stevenson, of Campbell Memorial, Montreal have realized.

To see the enthusiasm of our newly organized congregations for organized work among their teen-age boys and girls.

To sit down at a banquet of eighty-five mothers and daughters, as in Perth! To hear of the heritage from "The Old Church," voiced by Dr. Scott, and the challenge of "The New Church," by Dr. McLeod.

To be at the Older Girls' Conference in Montreal! To feel the keen interest in the theme, "God's great symphony," or "A girl and her religion." Girls *are* interested in the deep things of life.

To hear the girls in the "Simcoe School for Leaders" thrill over their course, and to hear one say, "I haven't had such a good time since I left high school."

N.B. This thrill may be yours, leaders, if you will avail yourselves of Leadership Training Classes, or even if you will take a self-inflicted course of study!

Great things are in store for you in our generation. Youth is ready for action, but needs leaders who have caught the vision, and are prepared to show "The Way."

The leader's first pupil—herself.

Have you Confidence in potentialities of youth

patience

sympathetic understanding

religious reality in religious experience

Spirit of world service.

Read "Intermediate Method in the Church School," McKibben.

The C.G.I.T. (affiliated) of Three Hills Church, Alberta, gave communion plates and $20 to the church building fund, and the "King's Daughters" have affiliated.

Your attention is drawn to the May-June number of the *Torch*, which is to be "The Girl's Own Number," and will contain an original story, a poem, a short article and snapshots of C.G.I.T. activities, contributed by the girls. Leaders send in your group order, 10c. a copy, at once, to Room 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for May

OUR suggested programme for May is a review of the last three chapters of our study book, *Two Young Arabs*. If a leader deems it advisable, different members might be appointed to take this review lesson. That we leave with our devoted and capable leaders.

Opening hymn.—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains," verses 1, 3, 4. *Bible Lesson.*—Acts 2:1-17 by leader, and Matt. 2:7-15, read in unison by Band. *Prayer. Hymn.*—"I Think When I Read That Sweet Story." *Roll Call. Minutes. Study. Solo* or *Hymn.*—"Can a Little Child Like Me." *Offering. Prayer.*

Three Little Mission Band Maids

MRS. J. W. DILL

I HAVE a story for our boys and girls this month—a true story. Just a year ago three little girls belonging to three different Bands, two in Toronto and one in Whitby, set out to see how many new members they could bring to their Band, in 1926. The two girls in the city brought, one, ten, and the other, nine new members, and the third for her rural Band got three and has already three for this year. I am sure you will all say with me, "Well done girls!" Now how do you think the girls got their new members? I think they must have told about the good times at Band meetings, about the journey each month with the *Two Young Arabs*, of the work meetings when, while fingers were busy making Christmas gifts for others, stories were read by the leader from our book, *Our Children's Hour*, and the good news that Mission Band pennies are to be used to help boys and girls at home and in overseas lands.

Now what about our Band members in the other provinces? Will you one and all enter the competition to bring in new members?

When I was in Edinburgh I was looking at the fountain erected in memory of the little dog, "Greyfriars Bobbie", who, for twelve years, kept watch over his master's grave and was found dead upon it. A little blue-eyed girl came and stood beside me. As I looked down at her, she said, pointing to the bronze figure of Bobbie, "D'ye ken yon?"

I said, "You tell me about it."

She answered, "Yon is Wee Faithful."

I am sure you will think that a good name for the little dog. We have a Master whom we love, Jesus Christ. May every one of us deserve the name "Wee Faithful."

THE JEWS

PRAY.—

That there may be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God upon our Church at this critical time in Israel's history, that He will graciously raise up a multitude of daily intercessors at the Throne of Grace for these lost sheep.

That as there is an unusual willingness on the part of the Jews to accept the *printed* Word, God's richest blessing may follow the distribution of it, that these beloved people may not only recognize their true Messiah but may also behold in Him, as their only sacrifice, "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Which Shall It Be?

I THOUGHT of it once, as I sat by myself
And looked at the boxes that stood on the shelf,
One so large, one so small, with a contrast most grim,
A bandbox for me and a mite box for Him.

I paid for my hat and I paid for my gown,
And I paid for the furs that I purchased down town,
And when I returned it was plain as could be
A mite box for Him and a bandbox for me.

I tossed in a dime, but it didn't seem right,
I couldn't be proud of that curious sight,
So I took out my cheque book and tried to be square
For I wanted my givings to look like my prayer.

—*Author unknown.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—The twelfth annual meeting which was held at St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, February 16th and 17th, reported 13 Auxiliaries giving $2,270.59, as against 10 Auxiliaries giving $1,120.06 in 1925. Altogether, Calgary Presbyterial sent $2,480.35 to the Provincial Treasurer last year. Comparing the 8 Presbyterials of 1923, before disruption, when Calgary's 805 members gave $4,960.70, with the 3 Presbyterials of 1926, when Calgary's 347 members gave $2,480.35, there is much encouragement.

Last year, the 8 Mission Bands—membership 209—gave $136.58, and the 77 Home Helpers gave $122.99. *Glad Tidings* has 400 subscriptions now, as against 373 last year. Three bales, and text-books were sent to Fort McMurray Hospital; 7 papers are on exchange; also 76 lantern slides. The names of 418 adults and 64 children passed through the hands of the Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

Delegates were present from Calgary, Jumbo Valley, Carstairs, Macleod and Medicine Hat.

All officers were re-elected.

First Church Y.W.S., Edmonton, made $20 at a Valentine Tea, and plans a rummage sale in March. Last year $47 was given for hospital supplies and $50 sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer.

Edmonton P.S. held its thirteenth annual meeting in First Church, Edmonton, Mrs. R. H. Christie, President, in the chair. Wetaskiwin, Lloydminster, Fort Saskatchewan, Ranfurly and Vermilion were represented.

The sum of $1,480.88 was raised last year. Goods valued at $140.23 went to Fort McMurray; $108.83 was spent in Indian outfits, and bales valued at $546.90 were sent out in relief work. 148 Home Helpers gave $210.72; 8 Mission Bands—membership 214—gave $135.63, and 182 subscribed to *Glad Tidings*. The Library Department sent out 100 books, also Bibles, hymn books, magazines, and papers weighing about 700 pounds. Excellent work was done by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. McNaughton.

Inspiring addresses were delivered by the President, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. D. G. .McQueen, and Mrs. H. Sykes. The Mission Band showed living pictures of our work.

Change in officers are: Pres., Mrs. James Adam; Secretaries—Rec.,

Mrs. C. E. Dougan, Mission Band, Mrs. John McRitchie; Press, Mrs. F. D. Roxborough; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. T. P. Smith; Costume, Mrs. John Ritchie.

Lloydminster Auxiliary raised $205.92 besides the bales sent.

The Sunbeam and Excelsior Mission Bands of Three Hills Church, sent $26.80 to the Presbyterial Treasurer. The Girls' Missionary Society, now affiliated, gave $130 to the church building fund and $25 to Amkhut.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING

MRS. H. R. HORNE, of Moose Jaw, representing the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, Toronto, and Dr. Jessie MacBean, China, will address a public meeting in Vancouver, Monday, April 18th, at 8 p.m., in Central Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday at 8 p.m., the 13th annual meeting of the British Columbia Provincial of the W.M.S. will be convened in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, the President, Mrs. Henry Pillar, presiding. Mrs. H. R. Horne and Dr. Jessie MacBean will give the addresses of the evening. On Tuesday, 20th, the morning and afternoon sessions will be given over to business and the evening session will be "Young People's Night" and Dr. Jessie MacBean and Mrs. C. P. Young, of the Gwalior Mission, India, will give the special address. Among others who will take part on the programme will be Mrs. Ewen Macqueen, of the Chinese Mission, Victoria, Miss Gertrude Lawrence of the Chinese Mission, Vancouver, and Mrs. J. F. McLean, Welcome and Welfare Deaconess of the port of Vancouver. Mrs. H. R. Horne will give the closing words.

British Columbia is deeply grateful to the Council Executive for sending Mrs. Horne and Dr. Jessie MacBean to be at the annual meeting, which promises to be one of the best in our history and takes place in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, which lately celebrated its diamond jubilee and the 32nd anniversary of the present Minister, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D.

NOTE.—Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, first Vice-President of the British Columbia Provincial, is making a tour of the interior and was present at the annual meeting of the Kootenay Presbyterial held at Cranbrook, March 10th and 11th and also at the annual meeting of the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial at Salmon Arm, March 18th.

Westminister P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Central Church, Vancouver, February 15th, the President, Mrs. James Herd, in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary reported 19 Auxiliaries with a total

membership of 417 and an average attendance of 335, one Auxiliary showing 100 per cent. attendance. There are 3 Y.W. Auxiliaries, 11 C.G.I.T. Groups and 14 Mission Bands. Nine Auxiliaries reported 178 Home Helpers who contributed $297. Fourteen Auxiliaries report 343 subscribers to the *Glad Tidings*. Thirteen new Life Members were added.

The Treasurer reported that funds raised totalled $3,321, of which $3,150 was sent forward. The allocation was exceeded by $850.

The Welcome and Welfare Secretary stated that in five months she had received 230 names of new-comers and had made 172 visits.

Good reports were presented by the Secretaries of C.G.I.T., Mission Bands and Y.W. Auxiliaries. The Costume Secretary exhibited a set of costumes for the use of the groups preparing programmes.

It was a great pleasure to have Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, present. Her fine addresses at the morning and evening session made a deep impression.

Changes in Secretaries are: Cor., Mrs. R. M. Thomson; Rec., Mrs. Geo. McKee; C.G.I.T., Mrs. Lyall McGlashan; Lit., Mrs. H. B. Mair; Welcome and Welfare, Miss Henderson.

Victoria P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on January 25th. The President, Mrs. McIntosh, presiding.

At the evening meeting Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, Moderator of the General Assembly, gave a most cheering and encouraging report of the growth of the Church from the Maritime Provinces to British Columbia. Our Field Secretary, Miss Pelton, also gave a most inspiring address.

The reports of the different departments were most encouraging. The Treasurer stated that the Presbyterial had gone 45 per cent. over its allocation, the sum sent forward being $1,455.42.

Mrs. Ledingham, of Vancouver, brought greetings and presided at the election and installation of officers.

Miss Pelton spoke of the service our young women could render our work, and that the high ideals of our Church must be maintained by them through the various channels of our W.M.S. work at home and abroad. During Miss Pelton's visit in Victoria, every Auxiliary, Y. W. Auxiliary, Mission Band and outlying Sunday School was visited and addressed. A Y.W. Auxiliary has been formed at Gorge Church. Miss Pelton has endeared herself to all, and created a renewed interest in the work which will doubtless result in rich fruitage.

The Corresponding Secretary reported 123 members on the island with 85 Home Helpers and 136 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*.

The work of the Chinese Mission is progressing most favorably. Through a day school, the gospel is brought to nearly 100 children and leads up to the Sunday services.

Changes in officers are: Pres., Mrs. Cotsford; Secretaries—Rec., Mrs. Hearne; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. J. J. Dewar; Press, Mrs. McIntosh; Treas., Mrs. Young.

Arrangements for the annual provincial meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, April 19th and 20th, have been completed. Dr. Jessie MacBean of South China, Mrs. C. W. Young of Gwalior Mission, India, and Mrs. H. R. Horne will give addresses at this meeting.

MANITOBA

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WINNIPEG P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in The National Assembly Hall, Winnipeg, on February 22nd and 23rd. A hundred people attended. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. A. M. Fraser and Mrs. W. J. Grey of First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. P. P. Kee, President, in her address referred to the forces so recently re-organized, and their need of standing together and by God's help carrying on the work.

Reports were given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Dinwoody; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. McDonald; Recording Secretary, (*pro tem*), Mrs. George Leckie and Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Cadwell.

Dr. Jessie MacBean, our missionary from South China, gave a splendid address. Words cannot express our appreciation of her, and our thankfulness that our W.M.S. has such a missionary. Dr. MacBean told of the beginning of her work and described the detrimental medical practices of the Chinese and the alarming infant mortality.

Addresses were also given by Mrs. H. A. Robson on "The Indian Work in the West", and by Mrs. J. M. Dick on "The Missionary Value of a Christian Home."

At the supper hour Mr. A. M. L. Long welcomed the delegates and and friends. Miss A. Anderson of Stonewall replied.

At the evening session the scripture reading was given by Mrs. G. H. Laurie and prayer offered by Mrs. J. R. MacDonald.

Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by Rev. A. T. MacIntosh and Rev. N. A. MacEachern, M.A.; from Provincial Executive by Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson; those from Brandon Presbyterial were read by Mrs. G. A. Dinwoody.

Dr. MacBean's address on the present situation in China was most inspiring.

A large number attended the Wednesday morning session. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. McCallum of St. James' Auxiliary.

Miss Livingstone's address was read by Mrs. Dinwoodie.

The following reports were given by the Secretaries: Library and Literature, Mrs. R. G. Stewart; Supply, Mrs. L. Baird; Young People's, Mrs. A. L. Kernaghan; Press, Mrs. Geo. Leckie; Home Helpers, Mrs. W. J. Grey; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Forbes Robertson. These reports were satisfactory, stating that literature and mite-boxes had been placed in homes; literature sent to the men's camps at Pine Falls; hospitals visited; Christmas gifts sent to the Indians and bales to the needy. The young people are working along the lines of C.G.I.T. and Christian Endeavor. Some are studying *Islam on Trek* and *Moslem Women*. The Presbyterial are giving an evening a month to the "Girls' Friendly Club" and all are doing well considering that they are handicapped for church room.

At the afternoon session an organization conference was held. Mrs. Forbes Robertson took charge of the question drawer and Mrs. J. W. Cadwell spoke on "How Shall We Present Our Study Book." The prayer dedicating the officers was given by Mrs. J. T. Payne and closing words of cheer and encouragement by Mrs. L. MacKenzie, Gonor, Man.

The sessions were very helpful and inspiring. Our Church is awake to its responsibilities and we trust that even greater work for the Master will be done in the future than has been done in the past.

Changes in Secretaries: Rec., Miss Mary Henderson; Home Helpers, Mrs. M. W. Allison; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Forbes Robertson; Mission Band, Mrs. G. A. Worrington; Literature and Library, Mrs. Geo. Reynolds; Press, Mrs. M. Fulkerson.

ONTARIO

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THE prayer service arranged by the Ontario Provincial was observed in Toronto Presbyterial either by individual societies or in groups. The service was devoted largely to prayer and brief talks on our W.M.S. work and on "Loyalty to Christ amid the quiet walks of daily life." All felt the hour spent together to be of great spiritual benefit. Guelph Presbyterial held a joint meeting in Knox Church and report a most helpful service.

Richmond Hill and **Barrie** have sent in accounts of splendid Thank-offering meetings, Mrs. McKerroll speaking in Richmond Hill on Sunday evening, thus affording an opportunity for both men and women to hear of our work. Barrie reports a most successful year with an unusually fine Thank-offering, with Mr. Vesey as speaker.

London P.S. has exceeded its financial allocation by several hundred dollars. There are now 36 fully organized Societies in the district with

1,335 members. A beautiful memorial service was held in connection with the annual meeting, for the late Mrs. M. B. McEachren. In her will Mrs. McEachren left a legacy to New St. James' Auxiliary of about $1,500, the interest on this amount to be used for the home and foreign work of our Church.

Miss Edith Sinclair has been addressing meetings in **Saugeen P.S.**

The efficient and beloved President, Mrs. Macdonald, of St. Andrew's Church, **Arthur**, was presented with a Life Membership certificate by her co-workers. The first two Junior Memberships in the history of St. Andrew's Auxiliary were presented to Miss Margaret Bell and Miss Pearl Holloway, officers of the "Goforth" Mission Band.

Very successful Thank-offering meetings were held in **Bruce** and **Owen Sound P.S.** Inspiring addresses were given on the condition in Foreign and Home Fields, by Rev. F. G. Vesey, Rev. Dr. Forbes, our pioneer missionary in the Peace River District, and Mrs. McKerroll.

Stratford P.S. rejoices in having exceeded its allocation by over $1,000. Never have the reports been given in better form or been of a more encouraging nature. Three-quarters of a ton of the best literature has been sent out, supplies are the best in the history of the Society, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions doubled, Young Women's Societies, Mission Bands increased, and Home Helpers membership and contributions in advance of former years. The address by Mrs. Strachan, of Toronto, at their annual meeting, was an inspiration to all. Miss Orr gave a comprehensive survey of the study book, "Moslem Women," and Mrs. Patton outlined the Junior book, "Young Islam on Trek." "Thoughts to carry Home" by Miss Moscrip proved a fitting ending to a wonderful meeting.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Mac-Vicar Memorial Church, Montreal, on February 1st and 2nd, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. The number of members registered was 311.

The reports showed 35 Auxiliaries with 1,319 members (an increase of 5 Auxiliaries and 142 members), 692 Home Helpers, 10 Y.W. Auxiliaries with a membership of 181, 19 Mission Bands, membership 617, 4 C.G.I.T. Groups, membership 68, 1 Affiliated Group, membership 20, and 1 Associate Society with a membership of 12. Total membership 2,909, an increase of 754 over last year.

The *Treasurer's* report was exceedingly encouraging. The total receipts amounted to $12,289. The amount sent to Provincial Treasurer was $12,000, the allocation being exceeded by $3,000.

The *Home Helpers* Secretary reported 277 new members. Contributions amounted to $1,252.63. Subscribers to *Glad Tidings* had doubled.

The *Welcome and Welfare* department, through the efforts of Miss MacArthur and Miss Munro, welcomed a large number of new comers to Canada, many of whom have been linked up with our Church. Hospitals were visited and trains met. The passing away of Mrs. A. D. Martin, Maisonneuve, one of the pioneer workers, was reported with deep regret. Miss MacArthur told of her experiences in hospital visiting, and Miss Munro spoke of the welcome she receives in visiting the families from overseas and how delighted they are to see a visitor from the Presbyterian Church. During the year 1,528 names were received for Montreal and district and 696 visits were made from July to the end of the year by Miss Munro.

Literature Secretary had a busy year, there never having been such a large sale of study books and W.M.S. constitutions.

Glad Tidings has now 1,400 subscribers.

Life Membership Secretary's report showed that, 7 Honorary Membership, 6 In Memoriam, 41 Life Membership and 14 Junior Certificates had been subscribed for.

Young Women's Secretary reported that the number of Auxiliaries has grown from four to ten, and splendid Supply work has been done.

Library. This work is much better organized and the outlook is very hopeful. Books may now be sent to the Presbyterian College, c/o Mr. Williamson, Librarian, the College having kindly given the use of a room to the W.M.S. where books may be stored until they are distributed.

Exchange. The Secretary sent letters to all Auxiliaries asking for original papers, 19 were received and are available for Auxiliaries desiring them.

Mission Bands. Steady progress is reported. Seven Bands have been organized. The hand-work sent in has been excellent. An enthusiastic Rally was held on April 6th, in Knox-Crescent Church and another is to be held this year, when a beautiful Banner (which was on display) is to be presented to the most efficient Band. A Costume Department is to be started this year, the costumes to be for the use of Mission Bands for pageants and special occasions.

Supply Department has been busy with hospital supplies which are ready to be sent away. Clothing, groceries, etc., have been distributed through Miss MacArthur. Christmas gifts were sent to "All People's Mission", Gonor, Man., for the pupils. Total value of supplies received $1,000, money received $34.75.

The President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, in her address, expressed gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful progress made in all departments, and thanked all who had taken part in the work.

Dr. Jessie MacBean, of Hackett Medical College, Canton, China,

told of her wonderful experiences during twenty-one years in South China. The majority of Chinese in Canada come from this part of China, and she asked us to give them a Christ-like welcome that they may, on returning, testify for the living God.

Mrs. D. Strachan of Toronto, brought the congratulations of the Council Executive and spoke with enthusiasm of the amount raised by the W.M.S. in 1926 which amounted to $167,094.19. Every Provincial had "gone over the top"., Quebec exceeding its allocation by $3,470. Mrs. Strachan gave the assurance that a School Home would be opened in Quebec Province, just as soon as the Council Executive can see their way clear, after payment to the United Church, of the cost of maintenance of the missions assigned to the W.M.S. by the Commission, from June 10th, 1925.

Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, gave some splendid suggestions on how to win the young people, and Miss Edith A. Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, on how we can improve our work among the teen-age girls.

Greetings were received from the Provincial and Sister Societies. Greetings from Montreal Presbytery were presented by Rev. Geo. E. Ross, D.D., Moderator.

A resolution was passed by the Presbyterial, of appreciation of the long and devoted services of Dr. Ephriam Scott (also including Mrs. Scott) on his retiring from the Editorship of the *Presbyterian Record*.

The invitation to hold the 14th annual meeting in Knox-Crescent Church was accepted.

Change in Secretaries are: Rec., Miss L. A. Sinclair; Cor., Mrs. A. W. Pae; Young Women's, Mrs. Robert J. Bell and Miss E. Liversedge; Mission Band, Mrs. Howard Fraser and Mrs. Thos. Young; Supply, Mrs. Wm. Kydd; Mission Band and C.G.I.T. Supply, Mrs. O. J. Miller; Life Membership, Mrs. Colin Paterson.

Quebec P.S. met on February 4th, in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Mrs. McKelvie, President, in the chair. Very encouraging reports on the year's work were given.

The Treasurer reported that the Presbyterial had gone well over its allocation.

Mrs. O. R. Campbell, Honorary President, in her remarks on the reports, said that Quebec P.S. could look forward with a great deal of optimism to the coming year and also suggested that Sherbrooke become a pioneer in the work of sending good literature to needy fields in their own province.

The Presbyterial will hold its next annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec.

Mrs. Murray spoke on the Interdenominational Day of Prayer, urg-

ing her hearers to prepare for it by renewed consecration, and to pray, believing that God will answer our prayers.

Dr. Jessie MacBean spoke in the afternoon on medical work in Kongmoon, China, and in the evening on the political outlook in that country.

Miss Lamont stressed the necessity of work among our young people, basing her remarks on the words "With one spirit and one mind, striving together."

Mrs. Strachan spoke in the afternoon on our National Work, giving a brief summary of what was being done by the W.M.S. in each province. In the evening she gave a most enlightening address on our Overseas Work, showing the great need for more volunteers for work in the rapidly whitening harvest fields.

Rev. A. Bright brought greetings from the Quebec Presbytery and closed a profitable day's proceedings with prayer and the benediction.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT–SASKATOON P.S.—Watrous reports holding two meetings a month in order to keep in touch with the work. There is no preaching station at this point, but occasionally they get a service over the radio.

Kindersley writes that they have a membership of twenty-two. They have an excellent President in Mrs. Murray and owe the interest taken in the work to her. They have a paper at each meeting on the study book, *Moslem Women*, also current events and, when possible, a musical number. The Church services are held in a hall and the W.M.S. meetings in the various homes.

Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, had twenty-nine members at their February meeting. The President gave an impressive address on *Moslem Women*. Miss Steenson, the delegate from Parkview to the Presbyterial meeting in Prince Albert, gave an interesting report of the work done by this Presbyterial for the year.

The new School Home at Saskatoon is the scene of great activity these days. Dishes are being unpacked and washed, furniture placed and curtains hung in readiness for the opening which takes place shortly.

Regina P.S. met in First Presbyterian Church, Regina. Mrs. James McAra was re-elected President. Very encouraging reports were heard from Secretaries of all departments. Forty delegates were present.

At the evening meeting, Rev. S. Farley said it was a pleasure to extend the courtesy of the new Church to the W.M.S. meeting and a pleasure to introduce as the speaker, Mrs. Horne of Moose Jaw, who

had come recently from Ontario. She was the first lady to speak from the new pulpit.

Mrs. Horne congratulated the women on having doubled their allocation. She sketched the work of the Presbyterians in Canada through half a century, and gave an outline of the W.M.S. activities in the Dominion. Special praise was given to the staff at the publications headquarters. Rev. W. A. Cameron also gave an address. The delegates were entertained to luncheon in the Church lecture hall by the Lakeview Circle of the Women's Guild.

Moose Jaw P.S.—At the twelfth annual meeting delegates were present from Assiniboia, Swift Current, Maple Creek, Pambrun and Briercrest. Mrs. J. H. Drynan presided at the largely attended evening session. The invocation was offered by Rev. H. R. Horne, and Mrs. A. McIntyre read the scriptures. Several selections were rendered by the teen age girls' choir of Knox Church. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. B. Way and responded to by Mrs. H. Shaw, of Assiniboia. The President, in her address, stated that out of the 22 Auxiliaries formerly in Moose Jaw two had remained with the Church—Briercrest and St. Paul's. Moose Jaw, Assiniboia and Swift Current had recently united. Mrs. H. R. Langille presented the report of organization, which took place in October, 1925. This was considered very encouraging. Mrs. H. R. Horne gave an inspiring address. The amount raised by this Presbyterial is $1,500.

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MARTIN—At Brussels, on February 18th, Mrs. William Martin, aged 88 years, the beloved Honorary President and a charter member of Melville Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, which was organized in 1884.

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January and February, 1927

RECEIPTS

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Refund on Fuel from New Liskeard School Home	50.00
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PROVINCIAL GIVINGS

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DISBURSEMENTS

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New Liskeard School Home	120.00
Saskatoon School Home	9,546.47
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India	166.66
Formosa	2,162.50
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Publication	863.98
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Student	35.20
Miscellaneous,—Candidate, Fees, Slides, Library	214.46
Administration	1,369.85
	$19,970.32

FINANCIAL SURVEY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1927

Credit Balance, December 31st, 1926	$145,882.86	
Receipts	3,562.40	
Disbursements		$19,970.32
Bank Balance		61,591.94
General Savings		31,172.44
Pension Fund		4,341.18
Sustaining Fund		28,969.00
Legacy Fund		2,893.76
Cash on Hand		506.62
	$149,445.26	$149,445.26

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,
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I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., *of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said* Women's Missionary Society, W.D., *the sum of* ..... *to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said* Women's Missionary Society, W.D., *for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.*

The Meeting of the Coins

AN allegory tells of a "special meeting of coins held in the offertory-plate." The pennies attended in large numbers and the nickels were well represented. Several dimes and quarters stated that although they had been in the habit of attending offertory meetings with fair regularity, they had, of late, been so much employed at the moving picture shows, even on Sundays, they found it difficult to attend the offertory. The dollar wrote that he was so much needed at the golf club, that he had retired from offertory-plate duties. A telegram was received from A. Cheque, Esq.: "Expected to come, but detained to settle motor-car transaction." One penny that had a golden look reported that he had been brought by a poor widow filled with love.

—*London Outlook.*

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

A Thought for Mother's Day

MOST of all the other beautiful things in life come by two's and threes, by dozens and hundreds! Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows; brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins; but only one mother in all the wide world!

—*Kate Douglas Wiggin*

PLEASE NOTE PARTICULARLY that there has been a re-arrangement of the Council Meeting dates. The Council will now meet May 25th to 28th inclusive, instead of May 26th to 30th, as first announced. The place of meeting remains unchanged, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont.

From the tentative programme we learn that the opening meeting is on *Wednesday* at 8 p.m. On National and Overseas Night, a statement of the work given us by the Commission and the liabilities we incur for it, will be presented. Registration takes place Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday evening is National night. The Sixtieth Anniversary of Confederation will be featured. Messages from representatives of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S. and from the far West will be received. Rev. W. A. Cameron, Superintendent of Missions for Saskatchewan, will give an address, and a message from the Moderator of the General Assembly will complete a notable session.

Thursday evening is Overseas night. The representatives of the Church Delegation which went to British Guiana, will tell of their visit to our mission field, and Miss Robson of India will speak of her work.

Friday evening is to be Young People's night. A patriotic pageant, representing six decades in the W.M.S., will be presented and lantern slides shown.

On *Thursday* morning there will be a Service of Remembrance for our late beloved missionary, Miss Dulmage, which will be in charge of her former co-workers, Miss Agnes Dickson and Miss Ethel Reid. The late Mrs. John Thorburn and other honored members of our W.M.S. will also be held in remembrance.

Thursday from 9.30 to 10 a.m. there will be a prayer service. This will precede the regular opening of the Council. Its importance we need not emphasize.

Friday and *Saturday* the noonday "Quiet Hour" will be conducted by Mrs. Owen Campbell of Montreal.

In preparing the programme, every effort is being made to allow time for conference and discussion on questions dealing with the problems that arise in the general conduct of the work. We entreat the prayerful thought of our members, not only as we prepare for this Council meeting but also during all its sessions.

OUR COUNCIL EXECUTIVE was honored on March 22nd, by a visit from Rev. Mr. Lundy, ex-Moderator of the Queensland Presbytery. Mr. Lundy, who was accompanied by his wife, brought greetings from the Presbyterian Church of Australia to the sister Church in the Dominion "which still retains its honored name and keeps the blue banner flying—the banner that has stood for righteousness, truth and liberty."

Mr. Lundy dealt primarily with missionary work, and described their *Aborigines Mission*, whose first missionaries, trained by the Moravian Church, started work in 1892. The field was dangerous, the aborigines threatening and cannibals. Until the death of the first missionary, few results were seen, but the cross above Mr. Ward's grave touched the natives as another cross has always done, and as a result eleven were received into the Church, and from that time on there was progress. The blood of the martyrs has ever been the seed of the Church, and the mission to the blacks, marked as it was, in the beginning by tragedy, has seen a transformation. Ignorance and superstition are being overcome, and schools have been established where boys and girls are trained in industries, and fitted to start homes for themselves.

The Australian *Inland Mission*, which works among their own people who have gone into distant places, resembles the home mission work of our Canadian Church. Their missionaries go out for a term of three years. This mission has started hospitals with two nurses, in some instances in places so remote that their nearest neighbors were three hundred miles away, and it would take sick people six weeks to get to a doctor. Eleven of these hospitals have been opened at scattered points. They have motor cars and camels but require a quicker mode of transportation, and the government, which looks upon this as a national work, is willing to provide them with an aeroplane. They are now using aeroplanes for mail and the Moderator of their Church recently flew five hundred miles to visit one of his stations.

They are also heirs to the New Hebrides Mission, but are handicapped by the dual control in the island of French and English. Our prayers are

asked for this great work, dear also to us because of our former connection with it, it being, in years past, one of the missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

AMONG THE MANY GREETINGS received by our W.M.S. none was more welcome than that from the South African Presbyterian Women's Association whose headquarters are at Johannesburg. Accompanying the greeting was a short account of their organization written by Mrs. James Gray. It was started in Natal some twenty-one years ago and now boasts 135 branches and some large allied native Societies, the total amount raised since its organization being £130,000. Another interesting statement was "At our last annual meeting the young people were more in evidence than ever before and several of them showed us that we need not fear for the future, so far as leaders and speakers are concerned. The varied work done in the young people's branches was a witness to their energy and initiative."

WE WOULD DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF OUR READERS to an article which appears in this issue on the general work of the Settlement in Tokyo, Japan, in which Dr. Caroline Macdonald is so vitally interested, and in which we, as a W.M.S., share through a yearly grant of $2,000. The letter article is from the pen of Miss Caulfield who assists in the work there. She is almost blind and can only read Braille. She is, nevertheless, a graduate of Columbia University. From a child her great desire was to go to Japan, but almost everyone discouraged this ambition. However, about a month before the great earthquake she arrived all alone and went to live with a Japanese friend whom she had known in New York. The manner of her meeting with Miss Macdonald she herself tells. She teaches English to earn a living and, in addition to this strenuous task, she has been a light to guide the many who come to the Settlement in sorrow, and has rendered a real service by her cheerful outlook on life and her courage and faith.

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THE POLICY OF OUR SOCIETY has been to send two representatives to attend the four Western Provincial Annual Meetings. Mrs. H. R. Horne, now of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Dr. Jessie MacBean of South China, were the appointees of the Council Executive this year, and reports confirm the wisdom of our choice. The picture these two speakers present is drawn, in the case of Mrs. Horne, from intimate knowledge of the working of the Society and of the national activities in which it is engaged, and in the case of Dr. MacBean from twenty years' experience in mission work overseas.

In the account of the closing exercises of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, one might wonder why three girls were singled out to be presented with W.M.S. membership pins. It is because they are the contribution from the W.M.S. through its Church Extension Department, to the general work of the Church. For the coming six months they will be supported entirely—travelling expenses, salaries and board—by the W.M.S. One, Miss MacLean, has gone to work under the Presbytery of Brandon and outlying district; another, Miss Crawford, to Sudbury, Copper Cliff and neighboring points, the third, Miss Ramsay, will engage in Church extension work in Toronto.

Last year the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies considered an application from North Saskatchewan for a Sabbath School missionary to visit isolated families, distribute literature, and, wherever possible, organize Sabbath Schools. The Anglicans have been doing a similar work for years and our ministers who know what has been accomplished, view with enthusiasm the prospect of having a Presbyterian Sunday School worker on the road. A Ford van has been built in which the worker can live as he goes from place to place. A suitable man has been chosen. His wife may accompany him, and being a singer, she will be a great help.

The need of some place to keep their supplies led the Board to approach the W.M.S. with the request that a room in the new School Home in Saskatoon be placed at their disposal for this purpose. The response of the W.M.S. was immediate and was to the effect that both our School Homes are to be used for the service of the Church and that we would gladly provide a room in the Saskatoon Home for the Sunday School literature.

Our readers will also be interested to know that a Summer School will be conducted in the Presbyterian School Home, New Liskeard, under the auspices of the North Bay–Temiskaming Presbytery.

The faithful work of Miss Davies of Brockville among the Chinese resident there is being rewarded by rich returns. At the last communion service at First Church, three girls from one family were received into full communion, and two young men, the solemn rite of baptism being administered to the young men. It is hoped that the girls' parents who are practically prepared for baptism will unite later.

Mrs. L. A. Moore, President of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S., was a welcome visitor at the Council Executive at the close of the meetings of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Moore, who has been in Detroit all winter,

had the opportunity of visiting our Auxiliaries in Windsor and Duart and also the Chatham Presbyterial.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS—Miss Mary Hugill has resigned from the Chinese work in Montreal, but remains on our staff as a deaconess, and has been appointed to work in the outlying district of Montreal.

Miss Hattie Chiu has been appointed kindergarten teacher to the Chinese children in Montreal.

The resignation of Miss A. E. Chambers, who opened our Presbyterian Hospital at South Porcupine and gave such splendid service, has been regretfully received, also that of Miss Cuddy, the other splendid pioneer nurse. Miss Jean Templeton and Miss Flora Smart have been appointed Superintendent and staff nurse, respectively.

The withdrawal of Miss S. M. Livingstone, deaconess-at-large in Winnipeg, is also regretfully reported. Mrs. Jean C. Howey has been chosen to fill this post.

A NUMBER OF REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED for a monthly prayer card embracing definite petitions for our work and workers. The preparation of such an aid to prayer was begun some time ago, but its publication has been deferred until it was definitely known what institutions in Canada would be awarded us by the Commission. In the meantime, we commend to the use of our members the petitions which appear each month under the title "Pray Ye Therefore."

THERE ARE FOUR OR FIVE PULPIT BIBLES on hand and the library Secretary would be glad to get homes for them either in needy congregations or Minority Groups. For further information apply to Miss I. S. Pringle, 30 Lowther Ave., Toronto 5, Ontario.

MANY AND SINCERE are the good wishes extended to Mrs. A. R. Riddell, our former Assistant Mission Band Secretary, on the advent on April 5th, of a little daughter.

LAST MONTH THE *Glad Tidings* went out in a new coat. This month it goes back to its old dress. The Council is to be asked to decide how they wish the child of the Society to be clothed. We have no doubt in our mind which costume we prefer.

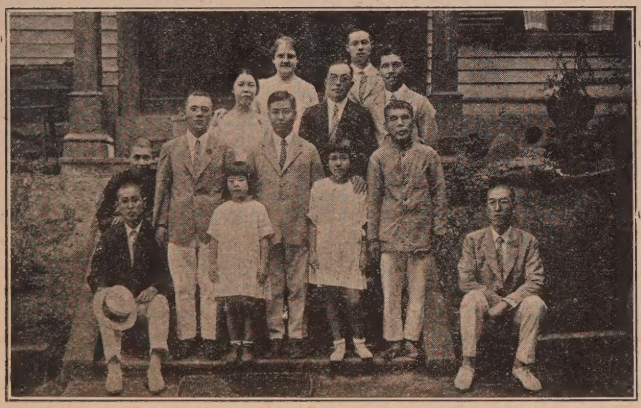
A Message From Japan

Miss Genevieve Caulfield

SOME six or seven years ago, while I was still living in New York preparing to come to Japan one of my Japanese friends, a woman in the foremost rank of thinkers and workers in her country, kept telling me repeatedly that I must meet Miss Macdonald. I required no urging, for I had heard Miss Macdonald's name from time to time for several years, but being accustomed to meet various foreign workers in Japan, I was not especially excited, though I looked forward to the meeting with real pleasure. I shall, however, never forget the Sunday afternoon on which Miss Kohashi brought Miss Macdonald and with what absorbed interest I listened to her tell me something of her work and what she was planning. One of my resolutions was that, if I should ever accomplish my desire of living in Japan, I should spend as little time as possible among English speaking people, but I determined that the one foreigner whom I should honor with my further acquaintance would be Miss Macdonald. Three years and a half ago, just before the great earthquake, I came to Japan, and one day, about a month after the disaster, I telephoned to Miss Macdonald, for I had not been able to get in touch with her before. Within an hour, she was at the house where I was staying, bringing with her, hope and inspiration, two most sadly needed commodities at that time of anxiety and confusion. Her house had been virtually shaken to pieces, but she had another in view, in the only remaining industrial centre, and out of the gloom and despair of the earthquake disaster she was planning a permanent home for her work of consolation and enlightenment.

A few weeks later, I attended the first meeting in the new house, new to Miss Macdonald's work, though familiar to Tokyo, a roomy foreign style building, substantial and well built, but sadly in need of internal repair, due to past neglect and the ravages of the earthquake. The meeting was held just two days after the Settlement moved in, and everything, except the gathering itself was in a state of unutterable disarrangement, I cannot say confusion, for confusion and Miss Macdonald do not occupy the same space at the same time. On that very day, more than a hundred women had been given work at the Settlement, making bed mattresses for the city to distribute to the destitute. It was difficult to handle this work after only one day's residence in the new quarters, but Miss Macdonald knew that if she did not take the work then, she could not get it again, so there was nothing to do but accept it. For ten days, those women worked on that order, but they finished it within the allotted time, and were given more.

As the weeks went on, the work began to shape itself, for the work was all there, ready for its new abode. The abode, too, began to take on a new aspect, as new plaster, paint, and the unstinted application of water, began to have their effects, not to mention all the little touches that only a woman can add to a house. These were only the first stages of the extensive repairs which have since been made, making the old house a modern sanitary dwelling, comfortable to live in and pleasant to behold. That winter after the earthquake was a memorable one for Tokyo. Suffering and want were everywhere to be found, but everywhere, too, was the spirit of courage, generosity, hope and service, in the truest sense of the word. There, in the midst of it all was the Settlement, providing clothes for the neediest, gathering together useful articles of dress and household furniture and selling them to those who



MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD AND "HER FAMILY" ON AUGUST 1, 1926
Miss Macdonald is standing on the left side of top row

could pay a little, and using the proceeds to buy material for more clothes, and incidentally giving work to women who would otherwise have had no means of support; caring for boys sent by the Juvenile Court; forming classes for working men; looking after families of men in prison; giving encouragement to men whose prison terms ended and finding employment for them; in fact, doing everything that came its way and going forth looking for more worlds for the spirit of love to conquer. It was a wonderful opportunity, and Miss Macdonald and her devoted co-workers seized and used it to its utmost capacity.

So the winter passed, and the summer brought a strike in one of the

largest factories in the neighborhood of the Settlement. The labor union asked Miss Macdonald to allow the women workers to meet in one of her large rooms. They were not only permitted to meet there, but were organized by the Settlement workers into classes and taught knitting, sewing, reading, health conservation, etc. How everyone worked, including the striking girls, during that sweltering August and early September! but the harvest of that summer is not gathered even yet, for that group formed the nucleus for the night school for factory girls which was started at the Settlement that autumn and which has grown to be one of its most important undertakings.

During the past two years and a half, the work of the Settlement has been steadily growing. One of the most remarkable things about it is the variety of its activities. There is the night school for factory girls which is not confined to the school at the Settlement, but has extended itself into various factory groups throughout the city, in the form of special courses for knitting, cooking, etc. Then there is the endless task of finding employment for men out of prison or others who cannot find it for themselves. This is often difficult, for such men are usually equipped for no special kind of work, and even when they are, their record is against them, if they have been in prison, or they have poor health or some other handicap, if they have not. There are, too, the handicaps of laziness, and kindred disqualifications for a useful existence which often induce their possessors to seek the Settlement as a place of refuge from the exacting world, with its obligations to work or die. These must be dealt with, and I can assure you, they are, with sympathy and understanding, utterly free from the slightest tinge of sentimentality. It is an inspiration to watch Miss Macdonald and those working most intimately with her, for long experience has taught them to see the realities of lives and motives. All this requires endless patience and understanding, for it must be done for each individual, according to his or her needs.

There are also classes who find the Settlement a most helpful and interesting place. The children's clubs that meet and play on Saturday afternoon make life cheerful while they fence, run, learn dances and play for Christmas or other entertainments, and otherwise amuse themselves, while in another room, a class of blind boys and men from the School for the Blind at the other end of Tokyo, study English. This class for the blind is the latest acquisition of the Settlement, and is the beginning of more extensive work for the blind which undoubtedly can be done there. The young working men come for English on Saturday evenings and enjoy themselves afterwards by singing hymns, with Miss Macdonald at the organ. She is particularly proud of this

achievement, as she had formerly been led to believe that her musical education had been neglected.

It is not my intention to enumerate all the activities of the Settlement, but only to try to give you some idea of the background of Miss Macdonald's work, for, after all, this is only the background of her real work. Varied and numerous though her activities may be, there is one unchangeable ideal that permeates them all and welds them together as a single unit. We find it everywhere and are inspired by it wherever we turn—practical Christianity. I have been in very close touch with the Settlement for three years and a half, and I have never once heard the words "help" or "service" spoken, but it would be hard to find a place where the spirit of those words is more constantly practised.

You, who know Miss Macdonald better perhaps than I do, hardly need to hear these things from me, but so deeply have I been inspired by her work and so profoundly convinced that her method of holding out her hand to anyone in trouble and helping him along the steep parts of the path upon which they happen to be journeying together, is growing in potency and becoming so far reaching that its influence cannot be estimated. These and even deeper attachments to Miss Macdonald and her work have impelled me to write to you about it from my point of view, feeling sure that you would like to hear about it from someone who is actually here and in close touch with its everyday working.

Seven Formosa Bible Women

Miss Lily Adair, Taihoku

THE picture shows a group of Biblewomen. The three sitting in front are now home missionaries under the North Formosa Women's Missionary Society. Their work is different to what it was under our (Home) W.M.S. Now they go, strangers to a place, where there is no Church, and no Christians, rent a room, live there for months going about preaching and teaching.

Till they were women of mature years they were unaccustomed to going out of their homes; after becoming Christians they are ready for any service for their Lord. The call came to take up this harder work and they are finding happiness in doing it.

Peng-á-chim, who is sitting in the middle, is a Christian of less than twenty years. Her husband had brought in a second wife and Peng-á-Chim was sad and sick. A preaching place was opened near her home, she heard the gospel and believed. Later she attended the Women's School, became Biblewoman in the Hospital and did a great work there. When the Hospital closed she did itinerating work among the Churches, and four years ago was chosen by the North Formosa

Women's Missionary Society as their first worker. Her work has been wonderfully blessed.

Stiting on Peng-á-Chim's left is Mrs. Lo. When the North Formosa W.M.S. thought they could support another worker she was their choice. She is the widow of a Chinese scholar who taught in our Girls' School. She heard the gospel at fifty-one, ten years ago, and is happy in her work of making Jesus known to others.

Sioh-koa, sitting on Peng-á-Chim's right, is the Society's latest worker. She says her call to be a Christian came in a dream. It is surprising how quickly these women feel at ease speaking in public.

The four standing are being supported from home. They work in connection with Churches, but their work is not confined to helping

A Group of Formosan Bible Women

Top row from left: Tan Un, Mrs. Iap, Pi-Koa, Lu Giok-li
Front row: Sioh-koa, Peng-á-Chim, Mrs. Lo

Christians, they also visit and teach in non-Christian homes, and through them many have been brought to know Christ.

The first one on the left is Tan Un. Her parents were Christians. She was first a nurse and later accompanied the missionaries on itinerating trips, now she holds classes herself.

Mrs. Iap, beside her, has been a Christian since the early days and helped in the schools. About ten years ago she took up Biblewoman work. Much of her time is spent in city work. It is surprising how quickly she walks on her tiny feet, still tiny though unbound.

Pi-koa is next to Mrs. Iap. She has been working only a year, is earnest and developing fast, quick to see and use opportunities. A Christian only four years. Her husband was an invalid and she began giving part time, her husband died some months ago. Her work has been a solace during her trouble.

Lu Giok-li stands on the right. She has had the privilege of a Christian home, her father is an evangelist and eight years in our Girls' School. She is the first high school graduate to undertake this work. She has done splendid work, holding Bible classes among women, and in several places gathered groups of boys and girls, about forty, teaching them for weeks.

Pray for these fellow-workers.

Chinese Work in Vancouver

MRS. DAVID A. SMITH

THE darkest hour, they say, is just before the dawn; and we have surely had our "darkest hour" in the W.M.S. department of the Vancouver Chinese Mission during the past few years. But with the coming of Miss Lawrence, whom many of you will remember in connection with the Indian work, a new era has begun, and already the Mission atmosphere is becoming cheery and homelike. Miss Lawrence is a born missionary—bright, adaptable, and sympathetic—and the children love her.

At the close of the winter term I had the pleasure of visiting the kindergarten. The tiny tots played games and sang just like our own children, and perhaps the most amusing incident was the very evident enjoyment of a tiny two and a half year old girl skipping around the circle accompanied by a wee boy of three. Our new kindergarten assistant, Miss Ida Woo, sings and plays very nicely, and is a great help in the work.

Since Miss Lawrence's arrival our primary department in the Sunday School has doubled in size, mainly as the result of persistent and diplomatic visiting. The pastor's two oldest daughters are also of great assistance in the Mission now. Daisy is fifteen, and Lily sixteen years old. Daisy helps the primary superintendent in the Sunday School, and Lily, who receives piano lessons from a Canadian friend, plays for both Sunday School and Church services. In addition to this, the girls take a leading part in the Mission Band and Club work. Both are in high school, and are well up in their classes. Daisy is looking forward to being a nurse, and Lily a teacher. We are hoping that some day both girls will be working under our Council Executive. I was delighted also to hear not long ago that Lily Leung, daughter of our Chinese pastor in

Victoria, hopes to become a medical missionary, and that the eldest son is looking forward to the ministry. Surely that is a promise of rich harvest from two families.

Furloughs being due both our missionaries, we have been fortunate in securing as interim minister for Victoria and Vancouver, Rev. Yeung Kai Chong of the Shanghai Cantonese Church. Mr. Yeung is a brother of our Vancouver minister. He was in Canada some years ago, and speaks very good English. Mr. Leung has already returned to China, and Mr. and Mrs. Yeung will go out in the fall.

We had two of the most interesting meetings in the history of our Mission last week, when Mr. Yeung arrived from China. He addressed capacity audiences on "The Challenge of the Church to the Chinese." He is a fluent and vivacious speaker, and the large congregation listened with rapt attention while he spoke of China's need for the Gospel, and of Jesus Christ as the only possible Saviour. He tried to show the great debt that the Chinese owe to Christian missions, and answered in a clear and concise manner most of the arguments used by the anti-Christian party in China. His coming has been a great blessing, and a new interest is already manifest. Word has just arrived from Victoria that Mr. Yeung was accorded a very warm reception there, also.

Since the total exclusion of Chinese came into effect some years ago, our night school classes have decreased somewhat in size. Consequently the boys are now sure of a good long lesson, and are receiving much more personal attention than was possible in the past. We have a splendid band of volunteer teachers provided by the different city churches, as well as Miss Esther Dickman, a young Chinese university graduate, assisting us.

Mrs. James Herd, our Presbyterial President, also takes an active interest in the Chinese work, and both she and her husband are regular teachers at the Mission.

India

MISS F. IRENE STRINGER, GWALIOR

I AM sitting in our study, which is shared by Miss Whatling and myself, and through the open window can look up at Dr. Wilkie's bungalow. I can hardly realize that it is the last of February. The grass is beginning to look brown and dry but the trees on the hill around the bungalow are still very green. To judge by our garden it might be June, as the roses are in bloom. One bush has four beautiful blossoms and several buds. We cannot boast about our flower garden. Mrs. Hawtin has little time for gardening and we arrived rather late to start one. However, we have roses, cosmos, sweet peas, and a great

quantity of pretty little red flowers I have never seen before. They must belong to the same family as our four o'clocks, as they resemble them slightly. They are also the first flowers in India that I have noticed closing at night.

India is indeed a wonderful country and has great natural beauty. It seems so strange to be able to plan for weeks ahead and have no storms to disappoint you. And yet, sometimes, as I look about me, I would give almost anything for a sleigh ride or a real long skate. Someone told me the other day that I would see snow when I got to the hills and then coolly added that it would be over a hundred miles distant, over the mountains.

FLORENCE, ONE OF THE OLDER GIRLS
Dr. Wilkie's Bungalow in the background

It is hard to decide what to write about. Many of the scenes are becoming quite ordinary and I sometimes forget that they are not so to others. We are still struggling with the language and are making progress. We have a pundit for two hours each morning and I am sure I should manage much better if I could forget self as I try to speak. I am so afraid that I'll make a mistake that I make endless ones.

When Mrs. Hawtin goes out to the farm for the week-end we have to use what little Hindi we know, and in that way we will gradually gain confidence. We have relieved Mrs. Hawtin of the burden of the girls' sewing and spend two hours each day at the school. In teaching them, we also have to use a little Hindi and it is marvellous how the children make out what we want. Some of them understand at once, and others take more time. We have a class of sixteen girls of all ages, thirteen boarders in the school, and three days pupils who wish extra lessons in sewing.

For the last two weeks I have been teaching the smaller girlies to sew, while Miss Whatling has been overseeing the work of the older girls. We have two of five or six years, wee Sonie and Sunbeam, who are particularly bright and will make clever needlewomen. The other one, little Amy, will I fear never do much. Poor child, she has lost the sight of one eye and sometimes I fear the other eye is not very good. It is so sad to see so many children like her, through neglect.

Our girls do beautiful work, especially those who were in Gracebai's school. They have made lovely tea-cloths, tray cloths and handkerchiefs, in both drawn thread and embroidery. The older girls will very soon be making enough from their work to support themselves. Indeed, one girl has more than done so, and has a little sum to her credit.

Yesterday evening Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Miss Whatling and myself went to see the distribution of prizes at the Normal School. It was quite interesting to watch the boys go through various athletic stunts.

For some weeks now, service has been held in the Assembly Hall of the new school. At first it seemed very strange to see the men sit on one side of the church and the women on the other, with the babies crawling around between. No doubt I'll soon think it the natural thing and be surprised to see it any other way.

The picture is of Florence, one of the older girls, and our wee kitten. It was taken just in front of our bungalow and shows Dr. Wilkie's bungalow in the background.

En Route to British Guiana

REV. F. G. VESEY

HERE we are, three expectant travellers starting out on our tour of inspection, and we trust of inspiration, for we are carrying with us lamps which we hope to light in British Guiana and elsewhere that will be carried to every congregation throughout our Dominion. We need to keep the lamp of interest burning brightly on behalf of our foreign and home mission work. The men and women who are holding the line in the outposts of our Church throughout the world have a special claim upon us. If our Church is to live strongly and grow widely, we must see to it that our affections and interests are not localised, to the paucity of the greater interests of the Church of Christ, in its larger service beyond our borders. Let us become a cosmopolitan Church, with the larger and more prosperous centres acting as big brothers and sisters to our smaller centres, the minority groups, that have exhibited a zeal and devotion that are truly inspiring.

It has been said that when one leaves his home or country there wells up within him an affection and attachment that he would never

have known, had he stayed on in his family circle. And as we anticipate leaving Canada, even as our train rushes along the great highways through Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, there comes into our hearts, and conversation, the deeper feelings of concern and desire for the prosperity of our Church, the Church of Jesus Christ, for which we labor both at home and abroad.

As one travels through the provinces one is impressed with the greatness of our territory and its wonderful lakes, rivers, forests and fields. If our Church is alive and ready, what great things she can do for the Kingdom of God right in the Dominion itself! Everywhere there are opportunities for sacrificial service. Canada is waiting the great appeal of the Kingdom of Christ, and one cannot help feeling that the opportunity is ripe for one with a clarion voice to call her people to service, which will not only be for the blessing of Canada but for all the world.

We met Mrs. McKerroll in Montreal, tired out after a series of five meetings during the day. Following the warm weather of Toronto, the zero cold of Montreal was rather penetrating.

After an uneventful trip we reached Halifax on the evening of the 24th and went to our boat. The *S. S. Chaleur* was not built for comfort, and we hear that this is the last trip she is to make, and we don't wonder

It is a good thing that we do not know what is ahead of us, or we might not attempt some of our adventures. Soon after leaving Halifax we encountered storms, that grew in intensity, and for three days we had a very bad passage. There was little comfort or sleep for anyone, and the storm was very severe at times. But the Good Lord that careth for those who put their trust in Him, brought us safely through, and we are now pushing on into the warmer latitudes and hope to land in Bermuda to-morrow, one day late.

The trip from Halifax is supposed to take fifteen days, but I fear by the slowness of the boat, and bad weather, that it will be longer arriving in Demerara. From Toronto the trip is about 4,000 miles, so by the time we arrive home again we shall have covered a good many leagues.

As we have been travelling, our thoughts have been with those who have gathered from all parts of the Dominion for the meetings of the Board of Missions, and we have prayed that there might be among those who came, the spirit of understanding and faith, so that the great work to which we are committed might be carried on with all hope and confidence, and that all might return to their centres of activity with a new vision and purpose, to inspire their people with fresh ideals and realizations.

Closing Exercises of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

THE beautiful chapel of Knox College, Toronto, was a fit setting for the dignified and impressive services that marked the closing, on the evening of March 31st, of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. The dignity that should stamp such an occasion was evident from the moment when Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton, a former Moderator of the Church, and a revered pioneer in missionary service, came reverently up the aisle and took their places in the chancel seats. Immediately following came Principal Eakin, Rev. J. Wasson, Rev. J. A. Hilts, Rev. J. W. MacNamara, Professor J. D. Cunningham, Professor W. W. Brydon, Dr. J. Stenhouse, R. J. Lillico, Chairman of

From left: Miss Brell, Pambrun, Sask.; Miss MacLean, Almonte, Ont.; Miss Clark, Asbestos, Que.; Miss Crawford, Carleton Place, Ont.; Miss Murray, Milan, Que.; Miss Tawse, Guelph, Ont.; Miss Ramsay, Brantford, Ont.

the Deaconess Board, and Miss W. M. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Training Home. The entire service was a memorable one not only for the deaconesses in training but also for the audience which filled the building.

The installation of Miss W. M. Ferguson as Principal of the Training Home followed the devotions, and was conducted by the Moderator, the prayer of dedication being offered by Dr. McQueen.

After a brief address by the chairman, Mr. R. J. Lillico, came the Superintendent's report. In it, Miss Ferguson traced the steps taken since November, 1925, when the necessity for a Missionary and Deaconess Training Home became evident, to December, when a partially furnished house at 648 Huron St. was secured. Through the generosity of the W.M.S. and interested friends the Home was completed and opened on January 5, 1926, with Mrs. Lord as Superintendent and Miss F. Irene Stringer as the pioneer student. A larger home soon became necessary, and 104 Bedford Road was secured and opened at the end of September, with nine students in residence.

"Of these nine students, one, Miss Christina A. Fraser, is in her first year medicine, one, Miss Julia Maystrowich, who is taking High School Entrance, will eventually take the missionary and deaconess course, and will return to work as a missionary among her own people, in an isolated Ukrainian colony in the far west. Of the remaining seven who have taken the full course prescribed for the first year, three, Miss A. Mary Murray, Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, and Miss Jean C. MacLean are definitely preparing for work in the foreign field. Of this trio, Miss Murray who is a graduate of McGill, is preparing next year to take the full Theological Course given at Knox College.

The remaining four students, Miss Sibyl M. Crawford, Miss Margaret F. Clark, Miss Annie M. Brell, and Miss Mary D. Tawse are finding the work for which they are most fitted in the regular channels of the home field."

Due tribute was paid Mrs. Lord and Miss Ethel Reid for their valuable work in guiding the home through the difficulties of an initial year, and to all those who contributed to its success. While the Superintendent struck a decided note of optimism, because of increasing opportunities for work and the prospect of a still larger home, at the same time she made the earnest plea that "We may not be carried away nor confuse *number with greatness*—not in numbers only but in *spirit* may we be blessed."

Dr. Stenhouse made the presentations of class certificates to the candidates, a scholarship to Miss Murray who has attained 88 per cent. in the four Knox College subjects, and rewards for high standing to Miss MacLean and Miss Murray.

In the absence of Miss Stringer, who is now serving as a missionary in India under our W.M.S., Mrs. D. Strachan received her diploma and at the same time presented W.M.S. membership pins to Miss Ramsay, Miss MacLean and Miss Crawford.

Dr. McQueen, in bidding the students God speed spoke of the fruitful service that they could render in the cities and far-flung western fields, and assured them that they would never regret entering active and definite service for the Master. "Duty," he said, "has called you, well done will be your reward."

The Moderator, in an earnest address, referred to the scriptural warrant for deaconess work and emphasized the need for a continuance of this service. He bade them think of the varying ministries as a means to an end and urged them to be actuated by one motive, "The love of Christ constraineth me."

Dr. Norman Anderson of St. Andrew's Church, presided at the Organ and gave to the music an added dignity.

While the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home is not under our W.M.S. but under a Board of the Assembly, it has a very real relationship to our Society, for in it will be found a training for our missionaries who will seek overseas work as well as those who will serve as deaconesses in our national mission work.—M. C. G. F.

A Story of the Formosa Mission in 1921

MRS. ANNA ROSS

IT was March in dear old Tamsui, and the missionary household were all in the tumultuous "rapids" that precede the homeward furlough journey. While very busy sewing, one of these closing days, my daughter came in to interrupt me with a story she had just heard. In order that you may understand the story I must explain a little. That was March, 1921. The next year was to see in North Formosa the Jubilee of the mission. The native preachers had entered into a compact that, before the Jubilee, *every village* in North Formosa should have the opportunity of hearing the Gospel at least once. In order to carry this out they agreed that each one of them would devote five days every month to this definite missionary work, going together in groups in each village that had not yet been touched. In working out this plan, five of them had gone together to a mountain village far from the ordinary missionary track. They found it unusually full of people, for an idol festival was being held.

After Dr. Mackay's pattern, these young men entered the crowded village green, mounted one after another upon something that was made to act the part of a pulpit, and boldly led a service of worship to the living God, in prayer, preaching and singing, each holding the attention for only three or four minutes, and then stepping down and giving place to a fresh voice. After this they separated and scattered through the village, determined that the people in each house should have a special invitation to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their living and loving Saviour. At one house, inhabited by several generations of the one family, numbering forty souls, they were met at the door by a woman who lifted up her hands in greeting to them, and thanked God that at last the servants of the Most High God had come to them. She pleaded with them to send a teacher who would make her neighbors understand the good news which they would not hear from her lips.

Her story was this—Twenty-two years before, her eyes became inflamed, and under native remedies they were "nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." It seemed as if she must go blind. But news reached even that far-off mountain village of some black-bearded foreigner down near the sea who could do wonderful things. She was at

last brought down to Dr. Mackay's hospital in Tamsui, and left there three months. At the end of that time her eyes were well, but better still, she had learned to believe the good news of salvation always pulsing through that hospital, and she had learned to read, and carried away a precious book of hymns that were full of the Gospel. She also had the first reader in the Romanized, which is full of simple Gospel truth too. The hymn book was the gift of Dr. Mackay's youngest daughter, now Mrs. Koa, who had taken a warm interest in her. How she now pleaded with these preachers to send them a teacher.

She had been subjected to much persecution from her own family and her neighbors, both for forsaking the idols and taking up with the God of these "Foreign Devils." But she "dared to be a Daniel," and each day, standing at the open door, she kept a little worship to the living God, singing, reading and praying. On one occasion her husband, who was much provoked with her, snatched the precious hymn book out of her hand and bolted. She ran after him, but could not overtake him. When they met at last she pleaded to have it restored.

He only answered, "I can't do it, I threw it into the river."

Then there was no hope. For many days she mourned her loss. We do not know how much the poor tried Christian "called upon her God in that day of trouble," but He certainly interfered in her behalf. The man had not thrown the book into the river, but only hidden it, and one day, to her exceeding joy, he handed it back to her. Now, with that same hymn book in her hand, she pleaded with the preachers to send a teacher to that village.

But here comes the sad part of the story. There was not a preacher free to go, and worse still, there was no Bible woman for them either. It just went to my heart that there was not a Bible woman to go and stand beside that dear Christian, and explain the simple truths of our great salvation.

Then my eye fell upon Mrs. Koa, Dr. Mackay's youngest daughter, whom I had already learned to love dearly, and admire greatly, and I thought, "what a worker she would make if set free to give her whole time and heart to the work!"

She has been set free and during the past three years has been proved to be "meet for the Master's use." She did not get to that lonely disciple so kindly befriended in early youth. The needs of that mountain village were met later in another way. But it was that story with its touching deficiency of workers that was used of God to thrust another eager worker into the field. God still "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

"Lovest Thou Me More Than These?"

"There is no man that hath left home, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come everlasting life."

The home, the fairest spot on earth
Though humble, yet of priceless worth;
And wander whersoe'er we will,
Home memories linger with us still.
Of home—the Master knowing all
That such ties mean, to us doth call;
"No place like home, it clings to thee
But more than home dost thou love Me?"

The parents, who have meant so much
By watchful care and loving touch;
Who by example and precept
Us in the narrow path have kept.
Of them—the Master knowing all
The loving care, to us doth call;
"The parents' love it yearns for thee
But more than these dost thou love Me?"

Our brethren and our sisters too,
Have meant so much life's journey through,
They've filled their place in moulding life,
In strengthening us for storm and strife.
Of them—the Master knowing all
The family ties, to us doth call;
"Brothers and sisters yearn for thee
But more than these dost thou love Me?"

Then what relationship of life
Can equal that of a godly wife?
No other such upon God's earth
Can make a home a place of worth,
Of such—the Master knowing all
Of wedded life, to us doth call;
"I know life's partner yearns for thee,
But dearer still am I to thee?"

The children formed by love divine
With cords of love our hearts do twine,
So hopeful, happy and carefree
Who ever turn our thoughts to Thee.
Of them—the Master knowing all
That child-love means, to us doth call;
"The children, yes—they yearn for thee,
But more than these dost thou love Me?"

When for the Kingdom of God's sake
Such offerings we are called to make,
And home, and parents, brethren, wife,
And children too—the best of life—
We leave behind to serve our King
And other lost sheep to Him bring;
We know Thou satisfied wilt be
That more than all we do love Thee.

But all we give as our fair share
With our receipts cannot compare.
The promise stands forever true
"Manifold more I give to you,
Abundant life will be your lot,
And joys for which you ne'er have sought,
Then that blest fellowship above
Since more than all thou didst me love."

The above verses were read at a very solemn moment at the Board of Missions, March 28th, just after it had been made known that Rev. D. E. Macdonald had offered to return to India alone, leaving his wife and seven little children in Canada. This condition obtains because there is now no home for missionaries' children in Canada, and no bungalow for Mr. Macdonald and his family in India. Surely this is a challenge to our W.M.S. to supply a home for missionaries' children in Canada, and to the Church at large to make provisions for homes for missionaries overseas. The full significance of the sacrifice was brought home in Mr. Macdonald's request to be permitted to return to Canada for Mrs. Macdonald in the spring of 1930, and resulted in the following resolution:

"That this Board place on record their deep appreciation of the great sacrifice that Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Macdonald are making in view of his appointment to India, while Mrs. Macdonald remains in Canada to care for the education of their children."

The Board stood to receive this resolution and Dr. Johnston was asked to lead in prayer on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald.

Prayer

EVERLIVING, everloving God, who hast taught us, Thy children, to call Thee, "Our Father which art in Heaven," we would now approach Thy Throne in reverence and humility. We render thanks unto Thee, our Father, for Thy great goodness and unfailing kindness. Day after day, Thou hast bestowed on us gifts according to our need, and we thank Thee for so many tokens of Thy abiding love. Teach each one of us to claim the rich blessing bestowed through prayer, and to learn the secret Thou wouldst speak to our souls in the quiet place. Bless, we beseech Thee, our beloved Church and make it a power for good in this land. We would remember in our prayers, our missionaries at home and overseas, may they be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and build their teachings on Thy Divine Word. Cheer and encourage their hearts, strengthen their faith, and crown their labor with success. We would especially remember our need for more helpers to win the "World for Christ." We know, dear Father, that Thou couldst do this work alone, but in Thy great goodness, Thou hast privileged us to share it with Thee, and may none of us be found wanting in our gifts or prayers. We thank Thee for the faithful officers of our Society, and ask for Thy continued blessing on all their efforts. Strengthen those in authority throughout the world, and may they never forget that they are the servants of the King of Kings, to whom we must all render an account of our stewardship. This we ask, in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

"'I said, 'Let me walk in the fields;'
He said, 'Nay, walk in the town;'
I said, 'There no flowers bloom,'
He said, 'No flowers, but a crown.'

Then into His hand went mine;
And into my heart came He,
And I walk in a light divine
The path I had feared to see."

OUR LETTER BOX

Gwalior, India.

"I thought you might be interested in the boys here and their work. In the first place, you can think of Friday night as specially set aside for them. Two weeks ago we went for a five mile hike and lunch by moonlight.

Last Friday we went down to the girls' school and had a taffy party. I am not prepared to say which was the more interesting, the shy, timid glances of the girlies, the more sparkling eyes and sticky fingers of the boys, or the frantic efforts of "Patch" and Gracebai's cat to dislodge the pieces dropped by the boys and lodging in their teeth.

We are planning large things for the boys in the coming days. First, we must get to work industrially, thus the boys will earn their food, and the building and repair work at the Mission will be done cheaper.

If we work together we must play also, and we are thinking of football, baseball, and tennis. Nor has the main object of our work here been neglected, and soon you may hear of a brave quartette to go out into the villages to play for the services and in other ways be helpful.

Let those of the younger people at home who may be interested in the boys at play, feel free to write at any time, and ask what they will. I shall be grateful for my chance to serve them."

—Lewis A. Wenrich.

—Chinese Presbyterian Church,
Vancouver, B.C.

"The Sunday School attendance is growing so that we are now needing two or three new teachers to take classes of children who will be ready to be promoted from the primary department by Easter. We have a good Sunday School with several classes. The children seem to enjoy coming and some of the parents are interested in having them attend, although, so far, it has been difficult to get them to come themselves. We are hoping to be able to start a class for the mothers soon, with Mrs. Yeung, the wife of our minister, as teacher.

There are quite a number of splendid young men connected with the Church and Sunday School. On Thursday evening the "Standfast Club" composed of these young men held their fifteenth annual celebration, giving an entertainment in the form of a Chinese play, which was very successful.

The night of the Christmas entertainment the Church was crowded

to the doors, there being a large number of Canadian friends present from the different Churches of the city, as well as many of the Chinese parents and friends. There was quite a varied programme, the girls giving drills, pantomines, choruses and piano solos, and the young men assisting with choruses and a play in Chinese. The children were trained by some of our faithful voluntary workers. Each child received a gift from the tree, these being provided from our own Sunday School funds.

We are looking forward to having Miss Pelton visit our Sunday School and I am hoping there will be a good attendance. So often we find that when the weather is most favorable the attendance is poorest. One little boy said to me lately "I'll go on rainy Sundays," and others seem to think the same.

I am expecting to start a story hour with the children one afternoon a week from five to six o'clock, using a lantern and having a few Bible pictures and hymns." —*Miss Gertrude Lawrence.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for June

"MOSLEM WOMEN", CHAPTER 5, PP. 175-192

THEME—SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Hymn—"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." *Prayer—Glad Tidings*, p. 175. *Scripture*—Matt. 18:1-14. *Minutes. Business. Study Topics*—"The Home, The School" (see suggestions). *Hymn*—"We Have Heard a Joyful Sound." *Roll Call. Hymn*—"Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All." *Closing Prayer*—"For all Moslem women who are seeking that they may find true freedom in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMES

Chapter V has been divided into two studies and may be developed as a report of an imaginary deputation which has made a tour of inspection with a missionary. Use pictures, costumes, curios and maps.

"The history of missions to Moslems has no more interesting chapters than the records of what has been done for Moslem women through social service, medical work and education, as well as evangelistic work."

Emphasize the leading thought that any programme of betterment avails little unless the Christian religion is put in the centre.

Aim: To show the work being done by Christian women for Moslem women and children and the need for more work.

Let the first delegate tell of her arrival at a mission station, her welcome at the home of the missionary and of the surprise of the

Moslem women who came to call at the place of the mother in the home, and the care and training of children. (pp. 175-6).

Have a second delegate describe her first visit to a harem and contrast the women of that time with the college women attending the Christian Union Colleges of the Orient to-day. (pp. 176-7).

Ask the third delegate to tell about the first girls' school, of the present educational work, and of the eagerness of Moslem girls for an education. (pp. 179-192).

Quotations to be read in answer to the roll call:—

"There are no religious books, no songs, no prayers for children in the 'Moslem religion'."

"The parents knew that their ideals of life would be changed by placing their girls in these schools, but they were willing to take the risk in order to give their daughters the best mental and moral training possible."

"The government has had to yield to the demands for schools for girls. Now education is offered to all."

"Educational work in India has reached many Moslem girls and women, and many have learned of Christianity and been baptized."

"In Turkey to-day there are almost as many schools for girls as boys and fully half the teachers are women. Sixteen years ago there were no schools for girls, except mission schools, to which Turkish girls were forbidden to go."

"The change western education makes in these girls is amazing."

"In Persia in past years Moslem girls came to the schools secretly, but that time is gone forever."

"Education is helping to avert the tragedy of child marriage."

"Moslem women are standing on the threshold of a new life, and out of the dreary emptiness of the past they cry out passionately for all that the women of Christian lands have had so long. Their belief in Islam is being shaken."

"In the closed land of Afghanistan, schools have been opened and for the nadic tribes travelling schools are attached to tribes and move with them."

"From every quarter comes the statement, 'Educate the girls; they will emancipate themselves'."

"If we lead these girls out into broader freedom, we must give them the sheltering care and strong help of Christian training and example so that they will form the foundation of a new Christian education in the Orient."

"The women's colleges in the Orient, and especially the Women's Union Christian Colleges, are prepared to give the ambitious Moslem girl the best in order that she may take her place among the educated women of the world."

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

May 8th is Mothers' Sunday

THE week preceding or the week following Mothers' Sunday provides a splendid occasion to work out special programmes or projects centering around the idea of Mother, and Home. Mothers of the Bible—Sarah, Rebecca, Mary, Elizabeth, etc.; Mothers of History—Queen Victoria, etc.; Mothers of the Missionary Fields—Mary Slessor (The White Ma of Africa), Lucy Baker, etc., provide a wonderful field from which to choose.

Lincoln's tribute to his mother, "All that I am I owe to my mother," inspired Rudyard Kipling to write "Mother o'Mine," and should help girls to realize all that home and mother mean to them. Let's think more about home.

The Near East

Training Girls in Palestine

The Church of England high school for girls, at Haifa, Palestine, is attended by Moslems, Jews and Bahai, together with Armenian, English and Greek Orthodox Christians. The school believes that all forms of education should rest on the solid foundation of religion. Scripture is given first place in the school curriculum. The rule is that all must assemble in the early morning to ask God's blessing on the work of the day. Parents expect a great deal from this school. "Have I not already paid fifty piastres for Hannah's education," said an irate Arab father one morning, "and have I not told you that all this money was not spent only that my daughter may be clever in history and geography but that she should learn first of all to be a good girl? How can you defend yourself, for Hannah has already been two weeks in your school and yet she is still a little she-Satan at home?"—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

The Late Mrs. Cronk

Those who, last year, studied "Brave Adventurers," will be sorry to learn of the death, in Philadelphia, on March 12th, of the author, Katherine Sherer Cronk. Mrs. Cronk wrote much for boys and girls and was known all over the United States for her inspiring addresses on Christian missions. Her editorial work for the *Missionary Review of the Word, Everyland, Women's Work* and other papers have brought her great honor. As a result of her influence, numbers of young people have been led to dedicate themselves and their talents to the cause of Christ.

Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups reported this month: **Fort William**—K.O.K.; Live Wires; Beavers; Smiles and Chuckles; Cheerio; Daughters of Canada; Maple Leaves; R.H.P. **Smith's Falls**—Onaway. **Preston**—Steadfast. **Sudbury**.

Fort William has the largest number of Groups in Canada.

The newest C.G.I.T. Group is to be found in Port Arthur, in the new First Presbyterian Church. It was organized on the occasion of the visit of the Girl's Work Secretary, under the leadership of Miss Wallace and Miss McCall.

Early in March a C.G.I.T. Group of eight members was organized by Miss Wilkie in connection with the Ukrainian Church, Edmonton; Miss Alice Glowa, leader; Miss Jennie Lazaruk, secretary, and Miss Nellie Meyster, treasurer.

Miss Sinclair reports very enthusiastic gatherings at Fort William, Port Arthur and Sault Ste. Marie. She also attended meetings in the interest of girls in Hamilton, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for June

FOR the June meeting we would suggest inviting the parents and having a story-telling afternoon, either from the study book *Two Young Arabs,* or *Our Children's Hour.*

Hymn—"The Great Physician Now is Near." *Bible Lesson*—Mark 5:21-24, and 35-43. *Prayer. Hymn*—"Follow me the Master Said." *Minutes. Business. Offering. Prayer. Roll Call. Review. Hymn*—"The Wise May Bring Their Learning." *Closing Prayer.*

The Boy That Wouldn't Give Up

MRS. J. W. DILL

ONCE upon a time, in a small village in a land far away, lived a boy whose name was Junzo. One day he happened to hear some boys talking about the mission school they had been attending, and what a happy time they had had there. How little Junzo wished he might go to such a school, but how to get there was the trouble, for it was over fifty miles away.

Not long after a caravan happened to pass through his village, and Junzo left his home and family and went with those strangers and walked all the way to the town where the missionaries lived.

When he got there, tired after the days and days of travelling, and

went to the school, what was his disappointment to be told that the home was full and they could not take even one more.

"But," he said, "I'm too little to take up much room, do please take me in." The missionary lady shook her head, as she looked sadly at the little boy who had come so far.

Again he pleaded, "Oh please, the other boys can squeeze close together and make room for me on their beds." Again the lady shook her head, but smiled at him.

Then this boy of eight, who would not be discouraged, said, "I did not come to live in your fence to make you more work. I will run errands, work for you and help you."

"But," said the lady, "you'll be homesick."

"You just try me," said Junzo. "I'd be ashamed to go home and tell them you would not let me live in your fence."

Then the lady in charge said, as she took him to get something to eat, "Well my boy, I'll try you."

So Junzo went to school, and how happy he was and how proud to run errands! And no boy in that school ever learned as fast as he. When vacation came he went back home. There was no teacher of God there, so he began preaching himself. He found an old horn and would toot, toot, toot, on it to call the people together. He sang the hymns he had been taught and the people learned them too. He told them Bible stories, and that the true God was not angry with them but loved them and had sent His son, Jesus, to save them from their sins. Then little Junzo prayed before them all, which was wonderful for a little boy not yet nine years old. Thus little Junzo became the first missionary to his people in that village.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our Boards—Administration, Sunday School, Y.P.S. and Colleges, Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and Summer Schools—and pray that they may be given wisdom in choosing leaders; that all who teach may daily learn from the Great Teacher; that teaching may be ever true to the Word of God; that those capable of leadership may be led to offer themselves for service.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S. Executive, reporting March 15th, has sent $240.71 to the Provincial Treasurer.

St. Andrew's, Calgary, reports the organization of the "Gwalior Y.W.A." Slides of W.M.S. work were shown at the first meeting.

Rev. Jas. McNeil, late of New Zealand, was inducted into the pastorate of Grace Church, Calgary, March 10th. Mrs. McNeil has been presented with a Life Membership in the W.M.S.

St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, joined with the other Churches of the city in observing the Day of Prayer. Mrs. Carbert, President, represented the Auxiliary at the Presbyterial in Lethbridge. Mrs. McConnell, wife of the pastor, has been presented with a Life Membership by the Auxiliary, and a Junior Life Membership was presented to Isobel Anderson, Secretary of the Mission Band, by a church member who is interested in mission work.

Red Deer P.S.—Red Deer Auxiliary was asked to arrange the Annual Interdenominational Day of Prayer for Women. Mrs. Sweetapple, Anglican, presided. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Hartman (Baptist and United) gave addresses, and a short memorial service for the late Mrs. Walter Ross was led by Mrs. Peattie (Presbyterian), followed by prayer by Mrs. McKinnon.

At the provincial annual meeting to be held in Edmonton, April 12-13th, Tuesday evening meeting will be in charge of the young people, and Wednesday evening's will be a public mass meeting. A board meeting will be held Tuesday morning. At the other sessions reports and addresses will be given. Mrs. H. R. Horne, representing the Council Executive, and Dr. Jessie MacBean, of South China, will be the speakers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Robb Sutherland, 2145 Stephens St., Vancouver, Press Secretary

VICTORIA P.S.—The Young Women's Auxiliary of the Gorge Presbyterian Church, Victoria, which was formed by Miss Pelton recently, is very promising. Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. McInnis were visitors at their first meeting and were delighted at the parliamentary way they conducted it, and look to them to take an outstanding place in the work in the future. The membership is seventeen.

Members of the Presbytery of Victoria and a large number of Chinese Presbyterians met in the Chinese Presbyterian Church to bid *bon voyage* to Rev. Leung Moi Fong, who is leaving on a six months' visit to China. Among the speakers were the Chinese ministers from the Anglican and United missions, both of whom spoke in terms of praise of the happy relationship that existed between the different missions, and extended to Mr. Leung wishes for a pleasant trip to his native land. The Presbytery, W.M.S., and Chinese Presbyterian Church were also represented. A number of young people of the Chinese school contributed to the programme. Rev. D. A. Smith, Chinese Superintendent of Vancouver, acted as chairman.

Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, has taken Mr. Leung's two eldest daughters into her home to care for during his absence so that their studies may not be interrupted.

Vancouver P.S.—Miss Paton, of Glasgow, missionary in Manchuria for many years, while in Vancouver on furlough gave several addresses. Miss Paton is a near relative of Rev. John G. Paton, famous missionary of the New Hebrides.

Kootenay P.S.—A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. L. A. Speers, Creston, on Wednesday, January 12th, by the senior girls of the Creston Presbyterian Mission Band, and their mothers. Two Life Memberships were presented, one to Miss Jean Henderson, given by Mrs. J. W. Dow, and the other one to Miss Gwen Webster, given by Mrs. A. A. McKinnon of Cranbrook, making a total of seven Life Memberships. During the afternoon there was a contest, and talks were given to the girls by Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Daly; the new leader, Mrs. Walters, also speaking. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Speers, Mrs. Dow presented the Life Membership Certificates and Miss Sara Quinn the pins. The Band had a membership of twenty-five last year and much good work was accomplished.

ONTARIO

Mrs. H. H. Allen, 112 Bedford Road, Toronto, Press Secretary

London P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting convened in Knox Church, St. Thomas, January 20th and 21st. Excellent reports were given by the departmental Secretaries, and the Presbyterial was gratified to learn from the Treasurer that the allocation had been more than met. Miss Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, led in an enthusiastic discussion and gave a splendid address, while Dr. Jessie MacBean inspired all who heard her with her vivid pictures of conditions in China.

Glengarry P.S.—The Executive met in Cornwall, January 25th and 26th, the President, Mrs. J. J. McMillan, presiding. The reports of

vice-Presidents and Secretaries were full of encouragement. All the bales were in good order. There were 506 subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*, an increase of 88, and a number of Life Members had been added. All feel that the success of the past year should be an inspiration for greater things in 1927.

The annual meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial will be held on June 15th and 16th in Knox Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill.

Hamilton P.S.—The annual meeting was held in Erskine Church, Hamilton, January 25th and 26th. The reports showed progress. The Treasurer reported $300 above the allocation. Three bales were sent in time to reach their destination before Christmas. From 2 to 45 members, with *Glad Tidings* in every home,'' was the report of one Minority Group. The speakers, Miss Bertha Robson, and Rev. F. G. Vesey, held their audiences in rapt attention. The President, Mrs. Locheed, urged more work amongst the children and young people, and expressed deep gratitude for the spiritual side of the year's work which cannot be tabulated.

Paris P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting convened in Alexandra Church, Brantford. Rev. Mr. Brown brought greetings from Alexandra Church, speaking of the vision of the Church's work as brought by the different Auxiliaries and begged all to learn of the larger work of the whole Church. Roll call of Societies showed splendid progress in membership and zeal. The allocation in every instance had been oversubscribed. The Y.W.A.'s roll call was one enthusiastic message after another. The junior girls were an inspiration to the whole Society with their splendid achievements. One of the most inspirational features of the gathering was the installation of the newly elected officers by Rev. Mr. Simpson of Knox Church. Mrs. Brown of Ingersoll, who presided over the meetings, in her address emphasized the great need of consecration and prayer, and begged for deep and quickened interest in all our missionary work. Dr. Jessie MacBean won all hearts by her presentation of present conditions in China, and most beautifully described the ''Christ of the China road,'' declaring that we must go as messengers of the living Saviour and present to these people with their thousands of gods, that which their religions lack, a living force, Jesus Christ.

Toronto P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Chalmers Church, Toronto, January 27th and 28th, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, acting President, in the chair. In her presidential address on ''The Vision Splendid'' Mrs. Hilts urged all to have joyous faith, buoyant hope, the ability to see visions and to dream dreams, yet above all to have the ''vision splendid.'' Miss Bertha Robson gave two vivid and inspiring addresses on her work amongst the Bhils, and Rev. F. G. Vesey told of

his work with the Koreans and the many sacrifices made by these people for Christ. Miss E. Sinclair spoke on girls' work and stressed the importance of holding the girls—the future members of the W.M.S.

Outstanding features of Thursday afternoon was the Chalmers Mission Band in session, and the presentation of a picture of The "Helen MacDonald" Memorial School, India, to the "Willing Workers" of Scarboro, which surpassed all in attendance, 13 on the roll and 13 present at every meeting. Junior Life Membership certificates were presented to two little girls of Victoria Church, Toronto, who had not missed a meeting in five years. Mrs. Dill gave prizes to two little girls who had brought in the largest number of new members during the year. The Todmorden girlie had brought nine, the Whitby lassie three. Thursday evening was given over to the C.G.I.T. The girls of Brampton presented a clever pageant. Friday evening the Young Women's Auxiliaries were in charge and "Our Mission Fields" were depicted in fine papers. All the Secretaries gave excellent reports. The Treasurer stated $30,206 had been raised, $2,000 above the allocation. The dedication of officers was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Milne, Provincial President, who also brought greetings from Ontario Provincial. Rev. Hardy Andrews brought greetings from Toronto Presbytery. 700 delegates registered.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE eleventh annual meeting opened in First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on March 22nd, under the presidency of Mrs. I. C. Sharp. A welcome to delegates was extended by Mrs. M. A. Campbell.

The financial statement, by Miss C. E. Cameron, showed that total receipts for the past year had been $14,100.98, of which $12,000 was contributed by the Montreal Presbyterial, and $1,483.79 by the Quebec Presbyterial. The sum of $13,470 had been sent to the General Treasurer.

There are now 47 Auxiliaries with a total membership of 3,427, an increase of nearly 1,000, the largest increase in any unit being that of the Mission Bands. Twenty-nine Life Members had been added.

The morning session was devoted to reports from Secretaries of departments—Home Helpers, Young Women's, Mission Band, Supply, Welcome and Welfare, Literature, Life Membership, Exchange and Press. Other signs of prosperity were recorded in the annual statement by Miss Mary J. Metcalfe, the honorary Corresponding Secretary, who noted that the total membership in Auxiliaries is 1,518, an increase of 217. Home Helpers number 856, having increased by 258. Particularly

among the young people has the work of the Society shown results. The total number of girls engaged in the missionary efforts of the Presbyterian Church in this province is now 1,053, an increase of 506 in the past year. Another reason for encouragement is the great increase in subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*. The amount received through subscriptions in the past year was, in Quebec and Montreal Presbyterial alone, $13,014.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S. gave a bird's eye view of its work in Canada and overseas.

Speaking from her almost Dominion-wide knowledge of the progress of the W.M.S., Mrs. McKerroll stated that branches throughout Canada had given more than $167,000. Every group in the country had contributed beyond its allocation. Not only has this sum been given to the treasury, but the Society in Canada, which on June 11, 1925, found itself without property, has at the present time cash on hand to the extent of $58,400, a sustaining fund of $21,000 and hospital units and school homes, some of which are valued at more than $20,000 each, in various parts of the land.

The prospect for the erection at an early date of a school home, to be a religious centre of scattered Protestant families in this province, was announced. Just when the work will be begun on this institution has not yet been decided but, according to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, the undertaking will probably be commenced this year, and at the latest, some time next year.

At the afternoon session, the President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, gave a comprehensive summing up of the work since 1925. A pleasing incident was the presentation to Mrs. Sharp of an Honorary Life Membership from the members of the Provincial Executive Board, the framed certificate being presented by Mrs. R. W. Dickie, who referred to the many years of service which Mrs. Sharp has given to the cause of missions.

Work of missionaries among an aboriginal people in the heart of India was described graphically by Miss Bertha Robson, home on furlough from India, who addressed the evening session.

In the Bhil district, there are between two and three million people, inhabiting the jungle district, separate from the rest of India as to race, manners and customs, said Miss Robson. The missionaries found that circumstances made their work peculiarly difficult but, at the same time, there were compensations. The Bhils had no caste system nor child marriages and among them girls were of more importance than among the Hindus. Miss Robson told of the progress of Christianity among the Southern Bhils since Dr. Buchanan went there, the first white man to visit them, thirty years ago. Now whole families came to

church on Sundays and there were over 200 children on the roll at the schools. There were native elders, teachers and some artisans. The work was carried on in a number of small villages. The vision of a totally Christianized Bhil people was held out by the missionary.

Resolution Appreciating Services of Rev. Dr. Ephraim and Mrs. Scott

"Rev. Dr. Ephraim Scott's tenacity of purpose, spiritual vision and loyalty to the King of Kings, so marked in these recent years of stress and strain," were qualities recorded in a resolution of appreciation by the Quebec Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. Dr. Scott, who, until recently, was the editor of the *Presbyterian Record*, from which office he retired, was accorded a place of leadership "among the church worthies whom the society delights to honor."

"To Mrs. Scott," the resolution further reads, "who has contributed so much of sympathetic helpfulness, we tender sincere thanks. May the days yet to be for Dr. and Mrs. Scott overflow with comfort and blessing."

The resolution was signed by Mrs. I. Clarence Sharp, the Provincial President, and Mrs. R. W. Dickie, first vice-President on behalf of the Quebec Provincial Society of the W.M.S.

Changes in Secretaries are—**Recording**, Mrs. A. S. Reid, Montreal; **Home Helpers**, Mrs. A. L. Smardon, Montreal West; **Life Membership**, Miss Doull, Montreal; **Students**, Mrs. Cyrus MacMillan.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JOHN SNOWDEN, 1115 AVE., B. NORTH, SASKATOON, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—Miss Laura K. Pelton, who has just completed a tour of British Columbia in the interests of the W.M.S., is enjoying a well earned rest at the School Home in Saskatoon.

St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, reports—"We are using for our study book *Moslem Women* and find it most interesting and instructive. Our Society recently organized a Mission Band, with Miss Violet Scott and Mrs. J. B. Young in charge." St. Andrew's W.M.S. held a most successful silver tea at the new School Home on March 25th. Mrs. W. G. Brown, Miss Scott and Miss Pelton received the guests.

The ladies of Parkview and St. Andrew's met on several occasions to make curtains and assisted in many ways in putting the finishing touches to the School Home. They also entertained members of Presbytery at dinner in the Home on Tuesday evening, March 22nd.

At the regular meeting of Parkview W.M.S., Saskatoon, on March

1st, arrangements were made to hold the Easter Thank-offering meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, with Miss Violet Scott as speaker.

Regina P.S.—The regular meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday afternoon, March 8th, in the First Presbyterian Church. At this meeting arrangements were made for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the Annual Provincial meeting to be held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, on April 6th and 7th. Outstanding speakers at this convention will be Dr. Jessie MacBean, South China; Mrs. H. R. Horne, Moose Jaw, and Mrs. Anna Ross, Strasbourg.

Life Members

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES

Alberta.—Mrs. R. J. E. Gardiner, Macleod.
British Columbia.—Mrs. G. Sinclair Smith, 244 17th Ave. W., Vancouver.
Manitoba.—Mrs. Andison, 191 Sherbrooke St., Winnipeg.
Ontario.—Mrs. A. U. Campbell, 24 Baxter St., Chatham.
Quebec.—Miss E. M. Doull, 827 St. Antoine St., Montreal.
Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Farley, 2119 Albert St., Regina.

For Life Membership Pins apply to Miss Parsons, Room 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Gold pins $2.50, silver pins 75c. Money must accompany all orders.

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

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	$4,584.88		$6,858.67

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Receipts	4,584.88	
Disbursements		$ 6,858.67
Bank		58,929.12
General Savings		31,172.44
Pension Fund		4,652.59
Sustaining Fund		29,320.00
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

THE DOMINION PROPERTY COMMISSION, Right Honorable Mr. Justice Duff presiding, on April 17th, 1927, approved the division of home mission properties of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, between the United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church, as agreed upon by the Secretaries of the Administrative Boards, Dr. Andrew S. Grant, and Dr. J. H. Edmison, and recommended to their respective churches.

The property which comes to the Women's Missionary Society, (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, through this act is, according to provinces:

Alberta: Vegreville, "Roland M. Boswell" Hospital and Nurses' Home. Boys' School Home and Girls' School Home.

British Columbia: The Chinese Mission, in Victoria, and the Chinese Mission House, in Vancouver, are now the property of our Church. The W.M.S., while not owning the property, will still carry on women's work in these missions.

Manitoba: Birtle Indian Boarding School and two lots in Rossburn. In addition to this, five Reserves, Birdtail, Lizard Point, Okanese, Rolling River and Sioux Village have been given to our Church, and the W.M.S., as in former years, will co-operate with the Church in providing supplies.

Ontario: "Cecilia Jeffery" Indian Boarding School, Rainy River. This includes both the present School and rights in the new one about to be erected by the Government.

Scott Institute, Toronto, having come to our Church, the W.M.S. continues its interest there.

Quebec:

Saskatchewan: Prince Albert, The "Lucy Baker" Girls' Home.

Canora—The "Hugh Waddell" Hospital, the Nurses' Home and Isolation Building.

The "H. & A. Waddell" Girls' School Home.

On the 10th of June, 1925, the United Church was made custodian of all property until such time as the Dominion Commission should make a division. This has now been done. A cheque has been given to the United Church to reimburse them for salaries and maintenance paid on these institutions since June 10th, 1925. In making this payment, this money

must not be considered in any other light than as the payment of a just debt for the maintenance of our own property and institutions which have always belonged to us.

Space does not allow us to list the property that comes to the Women's Missionary Society of the Eastern Division or to our Church.

OUR MEMBERS WILL REJOICE with us in the safe return on May 10th, of our beloved President. From a letter which preceded her by a week we quote the following to show that a *Mela* in British Guiana can outstrip even our Council Meeting in length of session. She says:

"All the missionaries and catechists and school teachers are here for a two day *Mela*. Meetings begin at 7.30 a.m. and last till 11.30; then breakfast; 1-3 p.m. women's meeting, (I am to speak one hour! the programme says); 3 p.m. Communion; 4.45 p.m. social hour; 7.30-10.30 evening session."

DR. JESSIE MACBEAN sails on May 25th for Britain where she will take post-graduate work in London, Edinburgh and Paris. On the completion of her studies, her intention is to return to the Hackett Medical College, Canton. Should conditions make this impossible, Dr. MacBean has offered to go on to the "MacKay Memorial Hospital," Formosa, where she will gladly give a term of service. This offer has touched us greatly, and is one of the ways in which God answers prayer. Dr. MacBean carries with her the loving good wishes of a multitude of friends.

ANXIETY AND JOY MINGLE in Dr. Wilkie's last letter to us, anxiety because of the illness of Gracebai, and joy over her restoration to comparative health. Gracebai is one of the finest Jhansi Christians in our Gwalior mission. She is a real mother in Israel and is greatly loved by a host of little lassies and by some now mothers in their own homes. For years she has given her whole time and strength to the care of the little girls in the "Jean Stevenson Brown Memorial Home," at Jhansi. When taken ill it was thought she had "flu," but apparently it was a threatened stroke. She was sent to the Women's Hospital and with care recovered and is back again pretty much over the threatened danger. "She is," writes Dr. Wilkie, "so precious to us and the work that we hope she may be spared yet many days." Shall we not all in our prayers make this expressed hope of Dr. Wilkie's a definite petition?

MISS ETHEL GORDON, Educational Secretary for the National Christian Council of India, and a representative of the United Free Church of Scotland, paid a brief visit to Toronto last month. At a meeting arranged

by the Missionary Education Movement several of our Secretaries had the opportunity of meeting and hearing this gifted woman who is one of the three Secretaries employed by the above named Council. Our Executive has expressed the desire that our W.M.S. missionaries in India should become members of this Conference and such is to be the case. This will give them an opportunity of coming in contact with all the mission societies working in India, exchanging ideas and co-operating in different missionary enterprises. We hope later to share Miss Gordon's message with our readers.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY is extended to our loved missionary, Miss Ethel Reid of South China, who, on April 27th, was suddenly bereaved of her mother, Mrs. John D. Reid, of Toronto, formerly of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Our prayer is that Miss Reid and those who sorrow with her may be greatly comforted of God.

AT EASTERTIME your Editor received a cheque for twenty-five dollars for fifty subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings*, to be sent, preferably, to people in Northern Ontario. This gift was the result of an article in the April issue entitled, "Books and Thimbles." Some people sow and never reap; your Editor has not only sown but in this instance knows the joy of harvest—a joy she hopes to share with fifty lonely people for one whole year.

TWO OPERATIONS, eight patients, one baby and no maid is the record of one day in our South Porcupine Hospital. The Superintendent justly calls it "a terrible day", but adds—"However, I managed."

THE APRIL ISSUE of *The Glad Tidings* is exhausted and orders are still coming in. If there are those who would like to pass on their copies, would they kindly post them to our Head Office, Room 103, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

IF ANY LADIES who ordered the newspapers with the account of the Ontario Provincial meeting at Brockville have not received their copies, would they please communicate with Mrs. Kannawin, 68 Kendall Ave., Toronto.

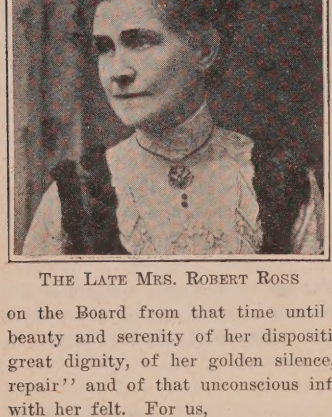
PLEASE REMEMBER

To address all letters, literature, express and freight parcels, intended for our "All People's Mission" at Gonor, to Mrs. M. McKenzie, Box 330, Selkirk, Manitoba, never to "All People's Mission, Gonor."

The Late Mrs. Robert Ross

"'She is with God', they say, nor is it hard
To think of her with Him who walked on earth
In close discipleship. I know full well she is with God."

THE words of this poem beautifully express our thought of Mrs. Robert Ross, our beloved co-worker and friend, who, on April 25th, in Hollywood, California, suddenly laid down her tasks here and was welcomed into the presence of her King. The body was brought to Toronto, and in beautiful St. Andrew's Church—from which but a few months before she had gone, in the fulness of health, direct to the train which was to take her to California—a memorial service of inexpressible beauty was held, conducted by her minister, Rev. Stuart C. Parker, B.D.



THE LATE MRS. ROBERT ROSS

Mrs. Ross, (nee Christina Barber Gordon,) was born in Manilla, Ontario. In 1883, she married Mr. Robert Ross, of Uxbridge. In 1891 they went to Lindsay, where they resided for twenty five years. Here Mrs. Ross gave freely of her time and strength to the work of the kingdom of God, her primary interest being in the missionary work of the Church.

In 1916, she removed with her family to Toronto and her service was immediately sought on the Executive Board of the W.M.S. We who were privileged to sit with her on the Board from that time until now, speak with a full heart of the beauty and serenity of her disposition, her steadfastness of purpose and great dignity, of her golden silence, her gift of "keeping friendship in repair" and of that unconscious influence which all who came in contact with her felt. For us,

"A soul so wholly good can never die
But lives and loves to all eternity."

The following resolution for insertion in the minute book of the Society, was presented to the Council Executive by the Corresponding Secretary, the members standing to receive it:

Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness and mercy, to take unto Himself, Mrs. Robert Ross, the Council Executive of which she was a valued and beloved member, desire to

place on record their thankfulness to God for her consecrated life of service, devoted as it was to the work of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. Wherever Mrs. Ross worked she eminently showed forth the spirit of her Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Her consideration for others, her many deeds of unostentatious kindness and generosity, and her unselfish giving of herself for the good of others, are all qualities which will make her long missed by her friends and colleagues. For twenty-four years she was president of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, and for six years the President of Lindsay Presbyterial Society. On her return to Toronto in 1916 she was elected a member of the Board of Management of the Women's Missionary Society, and continued on its Executive until her death, serving as Vice-President, and Secretary for China. All these offices she filled with marked ability, and with a gracious kindliness which made her greatly esteemed by her associates.

The Council Executive would extend to Mr. Ross and his daughters, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, well knowing that to them indeed the loss and sorrow are the greatest, and they pray that God, whose love and mercy are infinite, would comfort their sorrowing hearts, would uphold and strengthen them, helping them to rest in the Saviour's promise "That them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." And that for them and their beloved one there will be the blessed and happy reunion in the Father's house of many mansions.

"I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

My Song

Lord, let the song I sing
Ring true,
And let it always bring
Message
Of help or cheer to those
Who read;
To restless hearts, repose;
And balm,
To those who, saddened, weep,
That they
May still a stout heart keep;
Comfort
Along the way, I crave,
To add
With words uplifting, brave.
I sing for joy of it,
But let
My words be apt and fit
To help
My brothers live their days
Upright—
Amid the world's amaze,
Hardships,
Distractions and confusions.
Let me
Help men keep their illusions
Ideals
And dreams, and that high goal
Not of
This earth, but of the soul.

GEORGE ELLISTON,

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Miss Isabel McConnell Designated to Mission Work in India

A LARGELY attended and impressive service was held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Thursday evening, May 5th, when Miss Isabel McConnell was designated for service as a missionary nurse to the Bhil field, India.

The Rev. W. F. McConnell, pastor of the Church, and brother of the missionary, presided and was assisted in the devotional service by Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., of Hamilton, Vice-Convener of the Board of Missions, and Rev. W. A. Lewis, M.A., Ph.D., of Rosedale Church, Toronto. Rev. A. S. Grant, D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Missions, addressed the missionary and the service of designation was conducted by Rev. G. M. Dunn, Clerk of Presbytery, in the absence of the Moderator.

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL

Following the solemn setting apart of the missionary elect, Mrs. J. A. MacKenzie and Mrs. W. D. Smith, presented Miss McConnell with a handsome steamer rug from Riverdale Auxiliary. Greetings were brought from Toronto Presbyterial by the President, Mrs. J. A. Hilts. Mrs. W. M. Rochester, President of the Provincial Society, presented Miss McConnell with a Hindi Bible, the gift of the Canadian Bible Society, and Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, the Council Secretary for India, made the presentation of an English Bible, the gift of the W.M.S. Mrs. Daniel Strachan, acting President, expressed the joy of the Council Executive when Miss McConnell offered for service, and the greater joy when she renounced the field of her choice—China—and agreed to go to India. She also expressed the hops that her action would be an incentive to others of her profession and assured her that the Executive would follow her with their prayers. The benediction by Rev. W. Patterson, D.D., closed a memorable meeting.

"Yesterday is in God's keeping
To-morrow in His unfolding,
To-day—His presence."

Our National Mission Work

SCHOOL HOMES

Saskatoon, Sask.—The main undertaking in the School Home department for 1926 was the building of a School Home for Girls in Saskatoon.

During the meetings of the Council in Saskatoon in May, 1926, the committee looked at a number of sites and later the Council Executive authorized the buying of a splendid and most suitable one on Spadina Crescent. Plans were prepared and submitted by Mr. David Webster, architect, Saskatoon, and accepted by the Council Executive for a building to cost in the neighborhood of $30,000.

A committee was formed in Saskatoon to take oversight of the building and was composed of Mr. W. H. Sharpe, chairman; Mr. J. H. Cameron, secretary; Rev. W. G. Brown and others, along with the members of the Provincial Advisory, resident in Saskatoon. What they did to make the building a success and what they spent on it in time, thought and energy, will never be known, but the W.M.S. will forever be under obligation to them.

This Home will accommodate easily forty girls, besides the staff. Miss Violet Scott, who has given such valuable service as Travelling Secretary, was appointed Superintendent in December. Delays incident to building prevented the Home being opened till a few weeks after the close of 1926.

New Liskeard, Ont.—This Home continues its splendid work. The pupils all passed well at the examinations in June. Miss McIlwaine resigned at the end of the term and was succeeded by Miss Janet Manson. The year 1926 began with an enrollment of nine—8 girls and 1 boy. In September, the Home opened with 17 enrolled—11 girls and 6 boys. Six of these were former pupils. The year closed with 16 enrolled. At the Christmas examinations all did well, but special mention is due a boy and a girl in first form who each took 100 marks in 5 subjects. The girls and boys attend St. Andrew's Church, Sunday School, Young People's Society and Mission Band. As usual, study of the Scriptures and the Shorter Catechism takes a large place.

During the year the need of enlarging this Home to accommodate more boys was brought to the attention of the Council Executive.

We are not unmindful of our promise that the next School Home opened shall be in the Province of Quebec.

HOSPITALS

Not only has the mining district of South Porcupine, Ont., been served by our hospital, but the West Dome Lake and Paymaster mines, Schumacher and Timmins send patients. The total number of patients treated during

1926 was 183. One-third of that number were operative cases and about 30 maternity. Non-Anglo Saxon patients were predominant, those from Central Europe in the ascendancy; Northern and Southern Europe following closely, and Anglo-Saxons of British and American origin completing the list. Very little English is spoken by the foreigners making the work difficult from a missionary viewpoint. They are very appreciative however, of the care and attention given them. The practical interest taken by the community was shown by the grant of $2,300 from the Tisdale Township Council, to finance verandahs and the painting of the building. The ladies of the town conducted a tag day which brought in over $300, then a fruit shower and lastly the hospital birthday, February 17th, realized a number of small and useful gifts. The co-operation of the medical men of the district with the hospital staff contributed greatly to the success of the work.

During the year this hospital was under the Superintendence of Miss Chambers, with Miss Cuddy as surgical nurse. To Miss Chambers fell the work of opening the hospital and putting it in order. Her efficiency in this respect was greatly appreciated as was also the professional service rendered by both Superintendent and nurse.

Miss Olive Ross, who has been in charge of our W.M.S. Hospital unit at Fort McMurray, Alta., since April 1st, 1926, has, in the nine subsequent months, treated eight patients in the hospital, besides fifty adults and a dozen babies, mostly Indian, in their homes. In visiting patients, she did necessary dressings and treatments, also taking nourishing food to those who were not able to procure it. Four hundred and twenty-six visits were made and in many cases, the clothing sent by the Supply department of the W.M.S. was a veritable boon to the recipients.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Deaconess Work—Welcome and Welfare

Miss Murray, Toronto, goes in and out among the sick in hospitals and institutions, helping the wayward and unfortunate. She has been able to bring practical sympathy and assistance to many needy and discouraged ones by gifts of love from members of the W.M.S. and friends.

Miss Ethel Gunn, Toronto, special Jewish worker, has been a welcome visitor in many Jewish homes, and has established friendly relationships with numbers of the women who receive her kindly and accept from her copies of the Gospels in their own language.

Miss McDonald, Toronto, our veteran Jewish worker, still continues her interest in Scott Institute.

Miss Allan, Hamilton, in addition to her work in Hamilton was able to spend two weeks assisting in the Summer Camp for Jewish children held at Grimsby, along with Miss Murray. Rev. M. Zeidman, who was in charge

of the camp, speaks very appreciatively of the assistance of these two workers, and also of the camp furnishings, provided by the W.M.S.

Miss B. I. Johnston, Cochrane, was appointed general field worker and deaconess in January. We have fine reports of her work and enthusiasm.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, appointed in August to Vancouver, as part time deaconess at large and Welcome and Welfare worker, is carrying on both departments with great success, visiting the sick and lonely, welcoming the stranger, relieving distress, and extending a helping hand wherever possible.

Mrs. Mitchener and *Miss Lamont* assisted in *Cochrane* and *Sault Ste. Marie,* respectively, during the summer, and *Miss Annie Whitby* gave valuable service for six months in *North Bay. Miss S. M. Livingstone* was appointed to Winnipeg in June where she continued for eight months, three of these being the time when immigration was heaviest. She resigned in January to take further training. *Mrs. Jean Howey* has been appointed deaconess at large for Winnipeg.

Mrs. MacKenzie, All People's Mission, Selkirk, Man. The record of success in this wonderful post of service is an inspiration. Surely the heavenly Father has granted abundant increases and blessing, in reward for faithfulness and courage. "Onward" is the slogan here.

Miss Mary Hugill has been transferred from the Chinese to the Deaconess Department in *Montreal,* and commences at once in the north and northeast district there.

Linked up with the Deaconess Department is that of Welcome and Welfare to which part time is given by Mrs. McLean in Vancouver, Mrs. Howey, Winnipeg, Miss Iris Munro and Miss MacArthur in Montreal, Miss Rebecca Scott in Quebec and Miss Jean Fraser at Halifax, faithful torch bearers carrying the message of welcome at these ports to those who come to our country from other lands.

Last year 22,000 names were received and, in a large majority of cases, followed up. What a word of welcome, a gift to the little ones, assistance in locating friends means to these strangers only those who have experienced loneliness know. How timely is the welcome of the W.M.S. Secretary, to Church and community life, and the sympathetic interest of its members in these new comers in our cities or scattered places in the country or far west.

This Department pays tribute to the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in every province without whose faithful co-operation and untiring efforts much of our work would fail.

Alberta.—Miss A. Foote, Calgary, reports 923 names of adults, and 375 children received, and passed on to Edmonton, Red Deer, and Calgary Presbyterials. Many of these new comers have located in places where there

is no Presbyterian organization. These have been written to, and copies of the *Record* sent to them, which have been much appreciated.

British Columbia.—Mrs. W. H. MacInnis, Victoria—Distances are so great, and new comers so scattered, that the major portion of the work must be done by letters. These do not always bring response but this kindly interest will, in time, be acknowledged.

Manitoba.—Mrs. J. T. Payne, Winnipeg—Keen interest, splendid service, and gratifying results are shown in this province. Nearly 2,000 names were received, followed up, sent forward, or the people visited. An Old Country Girls' Club is a feature of the work in Winnipeg.

Ontario.—Mrs. Kelly, London—All our Secretaries have caught the vision of service in this department. Our Secretary reports 1,023 names received, 1,016 calls made. The co-operation of Young Women's and Young People's Societies, and entertainment in private homes have been a great help.

Quebec.—Miss Davidson, Montreal—Since August Miss MacArthur has had the assistance of Miss Iris Munro in Montreal where 1528 names were received to be followed up. These workers appreciate very much the connection with the women of the Eastern Division in their immigration, particularly the work done by Miss Fraser at Halifax. The generous supplies sent in by the Auxiliaries have been used in assisting families who were unprepared for our winter. So faithfully has the follow-up work been done that, last year, in one congregation, 25 families united with the Church through the Welcome and Welfare Department. Miss Hugill is commencing work at once in Rosemount congregation, Montreal, where they expect to build a Church in the near future, and much ground has to be covered.

Miss Scott, at Quebec, met 149 boats, 11,800 Presbyterians landed, their names were forwarded to Toronto for further distribution, Miss Scott speaks of the unusually fine type of settlers coming, and of the expressions of appreciation which she often hears, as some kindness is offered.

Saskatchewan.—Mrs. J. R. Graham, Prince Albert—In Saskatchewan, 820 names were received in 3 Presbyterials, this means long distances to cover, removals to be traced, because of wrong addresses. One Secretary made a point of seeing every one within driving distance of her home.

INDIAN WORK

As the Federal Commission had not, in 1926, divided the work in Canada, no report of work can be given other than that of sending supplies to the reserves under our Church.

SUPPLIES

Early in the year a hospital was opened at South Porcupine, Ontario. This was generously provided with all the required equipment and

supplies. In the spring a Hospital Unit was established at Fort McMurray, Alta., and the necessary supplies were forwarded. The opening of a new School Home in Saskatoon provided an outlet for the generosity of our members, as a large quantity of supplies was required.

The allocations provided for the work that would be assigned to us by the Federal Commission as well as for the establishing of new work. These allocations were cheerfully accepted and the Provincial, Presbyterial and Auxiliary Supply Secretaries have shown much patience and diligence in carrying out their part of the work. The shipping of a quantity of our supplies has been delayed pending the decision of the Commission.

A leaflet giving detailed information regarding the duties of the various Supply Secretaries was prepared and distributed. It met a real need as many of our Secretaries are new to this department of our work.

Reports from all the Provincial Supply Departments show that our Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups have met the claims of Hospitals, School Homes, Indian reserves, Mission Fields, Social Service, Orientals in Canada, and provided Christmas gifts for the Bhil children. Expressions of gratitude by those who receive our supplies show how deeply they are appreciated.

LIBRARY

During 1926, 30 pulpit Bibles were sent to various points, through the Library Department of the Council Executive. The books from interested W.M.S. members, were greatly appreciated; 415 small Books of Praise and 8 large ones with music were also sent.

Alberta.—The Y.W.S. of First Church, Edmonton, sent 80 parcels to 12 points, and the women of the Church sent 90 library books to Vermilion. Eastside S.S. sent new Bibles and hymn books to Birch Hills and supplies to Blairgowrie S.S. Twenty districts received *Presbyterian Records, Glad Tidings,* and S.S. supplies. Red Deer Presbyterial sent *Glad Tidings* and other literature to mission stations.

British Columbia.—Victoria Presbyterial sent literature to Alberni and Magnet, Man. The Auxiliaries in Vancouver sent reading matter to the City Mission, Immigrant Mission, Scandinavian Immigrant Mission, the district hospital and isolated places. New Westminster Auxiliaries supplied Tranquille Sanitarium and two hospitals. Hammond Auxiliary keeps the sick and shut-ins in reading matter, a member of Cranbrook Auxiliary takes magazines and literature to the hospital and the mining town of Denver was supplied with magazines by Armstrong Auxiliary.

Manitoba.—The two Presbyterials in this Provincial have distributed Church and S.S. literature and magazines to lumber camps, pulp mills,

soldiers' settlements, hospitals, shut-ins, and mission fields. *Presbyterian Records* were given to families not subscribing for them.

Ontario.—Large numbers of library books, Books of Praise, Bibles, pulpit Bibles, and quantities of magazines, picture rolls, and S.S. papers have been distributed to mission fields, minority groups and lumber camps. One report mentions 4,000 books being placed where needed.

Quebec.—276 library books were distributed among minority groups and S.S. papers and magazines sent to three student missionaries. Addresses were furnished Dr. Scott to which he sent *Records*. Pulpit Bibles were given by a member of St. Andrew and St. Paul and of Stanley Auxiliary. Books, Bibles, hymn books, S.S. papers and magazines were sent to Churches, Sunday Schools, and hospitals.

Saskatchewan.—The predominating feeling among all the congregations and groups seems to be one of justifiable pride in being able to stand alone. Each Presbyterial Secretary has been asked to bring before her Presbyterial the aims of the Library department with a plea for the co-operation of Auxiliaries.

LANTERN SLIDES

The Lantern Slide department has provided pictures of many phases of our work, with a short description of each. These slides are greatly in demand and are proving very helpful. We hope later to have one general set of pictures of our Overseas work in India (the Gwalior and Bhil fields), China, Japan, Formosa and British Guiana, and of our National work in the new School Home at Saskatoon, the School Home in New Liskeard, Fort McMurray Hospital Unit, the Orientals in Canada, the departments of Welcome and Welfare, Girls' Work, Supply, Social Service and others. To assist in the study of "Moslem Women" ten slides on the Moslems have been made and a short lecturette prepared.

Orientals in Canada

CHINESE IN CANADA

East of the Rockies the Chinese work is interdenominational, but west of that dividing line our Society has a mission of its own. A congregation of Chinese in Victoria and one in Vancouver voted to remain Presbyterian.

In Victoria, our Society has three workers—Mrs. Macqueen, Miss Gertrude Scott and Lily Chan, assistant and interpreter. An afternoon English class of 17 children, a class of 4 women who have to be taught individually, and a class of 12 men and boys is Mrs. Macqueen's daily routine. The Gospel message is given a large place in all classes. Fifty-two visits

have been made. Miss Chan accompanies and interprets. An Auxiliary of 10 members is conducted by Mrs. Macqueen. The offerings were $38.25. Several members from the English speaking Auxiliaries of the city gave encouragement by attendance at almost every meeting.

Miss Gertrude Scott, a co-worker with Mrs. Macqueen, took up her duties in September. She is a fully qualified kindergarten and music teacher. Thirty-eight pupils are in the kindergarten, 20 of these have to be collected and returned to their homes each morning. Prayer, action songs, hymns, Bible stories, with seat work gives variety to the fine training given these little ones. The music class has 28 pupils and each gets a half-hour lesson a week. The music club meets once a month for a recital and social hour. All the pupils are expected to connect themselves with some organization of the mission. A Mission Band of 53 children is conducted by Miss Scott.

All the work of the week contributes to the Sunday School which is a very important part of the mission, 114 pupils are enrolled. There are 4 English and 4 Chinese teachers. All are doing faithful work and it is a cause of thanksgiving to see the pupils coming by ones and twos to confess Christ openly.

In Vancouver we have Miss Gertrude Lawrence and Miss Ida Woo, her Chinese assistant and interpreter. They began work in September. A kindergarten has been started with 14 children. The workers gather and return them to their homes every morning. A music class has been started. Miss Lawrence teaches the primary department in the Sunday School. There is an enrollment in this department of 52 out of a total of 95 pupils in the school.

Last May, *Miss Reid* visited all the Chinese women and children in Saskatchewan. She found 22 women and 49 children in 14 different places. She gave them an earnest Gospel message and left tracts and catechisms in each home. She secured in each place an English speaking Christian woman to take an interest in the lonely Chinese women. In Calgary she found 16 women. Windsor, Ont., and surrounding towns have about 700 Chinese. Miss Reid found 8 women. Two are Christians and one was baptized while she was there. Miss Reid is now engaged in Chinese work in Montreal and neighboring centres.

Much success has attended the work of *Miss Dickson* among Chinese women and children in Toronto. A Sabbath afternoon service is held with an average attendance of 10. Through the kindness of friends the Chinese women and little children have been motored to and from the meetings. A class of 10 Chinese children meets Saturday afternoon. The first hour is given to sewing and games, the second to Scripture study and hymn singing. An important work is visiting in the homes. Two women are being taught regularly, one to read simple Chinese tracts and the other

the Old Testament. Miss Dickson is Superintendent of the primary department of the Chinese Sunday School in Cooke's Church. There are 25 on the roll. At the Christmas entertainment and supper there were 130 children and 24 mothers.

Miss Davies of Brockville does valuable work among the Chinese in eastern Ontario. In her home town she ministers to the sick and lonely, helps those in need, entertains visiting Chinese in her home. Three girls and two boys have confessed Christ and recently took communion in the Presbyterian Church. It requires 18 calls to reach all the Chinese families. Classes for men and boys for English and Bible study were held on 34 Sundays. The girls and children attend the regular Sunday School. Outside of Brockville Miss Davies has made calls in 10 different places, reaching 17 women and 45 children. Wherever there are Chinese she endeavors to get the W.M.S. or individual Christians to take an interest in them.

In Montreal, Miss Hugill has been most devoted in calling on the Chinese women in their homes and in meeting with them in the Chinese Women's Club.

PERSIANS IN CANADA

The Rev. E. O. Eshoo has ministered most faithfully throughout the year to a group of his own people in North Battleford. There are 13 families with 13 single persons in the group. Besides the service on Sabbath, week night meetings for prayer and singing practice are held in the homes of the people. The services are well attended and the worship is most reverent. Twenty names are on the communicants roll. An earnest expression of appreciation comes from this group for the privilege of having the Gospel preached to them in their own tongue.

Our Overseas Mission Work

INDIA

Almost before the ink was dry on our last report our prayers for the Bhil field were answered by our being able to make two most satisfactory appointments. Miss Ruth Buchanan, then completing a post-graduate scholarship course at the Sorbonne University in Paris offering a term of service, and Miss Christine Maxwell, training in the American Presbyterian Mission at Miraj, India, who was ready to take up definite evangelistic work with us early in July. The same month Miss Buchanan sailed direct from France to India thus enabling Miss Robson to take her much needed furlough. Miss Buchanan took immediate charge of the educational work, and her joy in the re-union with her parents, her deep interest in the school, and her enthusiasm for her work are vividly expressed in her charming letters. Miss Robson

reached home early in October and our association with her in Council Executive, and the privilege of hearing her speak, has given us a wonderful understanding of present needs, and a clear vision for the future. Miss Maxwell has completed her language study and is taking the place of Miss Manarey, whose resignation we were regretfully compelled to accept,

In October, Dr. Buchanan wrote and cabled about the wonderful opportunity for opening up educational work in Alirajpur, and of a request from the Maharajah that one of our lady missionaries might teach the young princess, his daughter. What great possibilities for Christian influence are opened by this request! Before long we shall strengthen our Amkhut staff by the addition of the two newly-appointed candidates, Miss McConnell, a nurse, and Miss Williamson, a teacher,

AMKHUT DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL, WITH PATIENTS.
This building so needs a new roof.

both fitted in every way to make a success of the work they are undertaking.

Early in summer, Miss A. L. Whatling was appointed as evangelistic worker to accompany Miss Stringer to Gwalior. In August, very beautiful and impressive designation services were held in Ottawa and Lansdowne, and early in September they set sail for India—the first of our missionaries since the disruption to leave from here for the overseas field. They will go to the Language School at Landour and Dr. Wilkie expects that when they return they will have enough of the language for Miss Stringer to start teaching and Miss Whatling to take up the evangelistic work she so dearly loves. Even now they are a great help to Mrs. Hawtin with kindergarten work and sewing, and the staff at

Gwalior writes of them with sincere appreciation. We hope soon to be able to supply the great need of a nurse for Gwalior.

Council Executive has instructed that our new missionaries become affiliated with the National Christian Council of India so that there will always be a representation from our W.M.S. at both the Provincial and "All India" Conferences. In this way they may have an opportunity of studying the missionary enterprise from every angle, of meeting fellow workers of other denominations, exchanging experiences, and discussing problems while at the same time maintaining our Presbyterian ideas and ideals.

NORTH CHINA

We have been favored indeed in having two ladies who have been in China for some years, and who have a good working knowledge of the Chinese language join Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Mr. Allan Reoch. These ladies come to us very highly recommended and their letters betoken great earnestness of purpose. Miss Graham hitherto worked with the Salvation Army which has only earnest souls in its ranks, and splendid workers. Miss Cook's letter from Shantung, where she was working in connection with the American Presbyterians, tells very vividly of the flood and famine conditions, and we know how often God has used those very conditions to win a great harvest of souls to Himself.

The difficulty with the North China Presbyterian Mission of Canada has been to find the field God wishes them to settle in, as China has been pretty well portioned out between the different Missionary Societies, and another Society has to be cordially invited to work with Societies that have already been working in that Province. Perhaps the most attractive invitation has come from the Scotch and Irish Presbyterians working in the three Provinces of Manchuria. The climate is very similar to that of the northwest of Canada, and because of a new railway opened up, settlers are flocking in. The present population of this great district would equal that of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta combined. The Scotch and Irish Presbyterians have far too large a field to work themselves and would gladly turn over work in this section to the Canadian Presbyterian Church. As Honan is now worked by the United Church, and as this great needy field is practically virgin soil, it looks like a wonderful challenge and opportunity. The ground is rich and fertile, consequently the Chinese are not so poor as farther south and if properly evangelized a native Church should soon be self-supporting.

SOUTH CHINA

Dr. Jessie MacBean has continued her work in connection with Hackett Medical College, Canton, an interdenominational college for women. Her

work has been the training of nurses and medical women to help meet the medical need of China. Dr. MacBean's salary and a unit of support is given by our W.M.S.

Miss Ethel Reid, Miss Luella I. Crockett, and Miss Agnes I. Dickson are also missionaries who served in South China, whose salaries are paid by the W.M.S., and whom we hope to return to some work in South China when the present troublous times are past. At present they are doing valuable work in Canada.

On September 28th, we suffered the loss by death of Miss Agnes Jean Dulmage who had given such valuable service in South China, and whom, for the last year, we had been supporting in the Diocesan Girls' School at Hong Kong.

FORMOSA

In last year's blue book there was no report from Formosa since the field was then being administered by the United Church and the W.M.S. workers reported to it. In September, 1926, the Federal Commission allotted the field to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and it was agreed that the transfer be made at the beginning of 1927.

In December, Christmas greetings were cabled by Mrs. McKerroll on behalf of the Council Executive, to Mrs. Gauld and the other women missionaries, and all were asked to remain. At the same time a letter was sent to each, disclaiming any desire to interfere with conscientious convictions about Church Union, stating that a decision to remain permanently would be welcome, but failing that, asking that each remain until adjustments can be made. The same message was sent to the three missionaries on furlough in Canada, Miss Elliott, Miss Hotson and Miss Haig.

Late in the year word reached the Council Executive that the native Formosan pastors and elders were well pleased that the field was to belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bella Koa, Dr. George Leslie Mackay's second daughter, applied to the Council Executive, to be accepted as an evangelist. This appointment was made, to start on January 1st. Mrs. Koa, who has been President of the Formosan W.M.S. since its formation several years ago, has been doing evangelistic work for the past five years but her salary was provided by a fund privately raised among interested friends in Canada. On her appointment as a regular W.M.S. worker Mrs. Koa becomes a member of the Formosan Mission Council, where her advice and long experience will be of great value.

It may be well to mention what work we now resume in Formosa. There are the Girls' and Women's Boarding Schools in Tamsui at which Preparatory and High School instruction is given as well as shorter courses for those attending for only a term or two. These schools are under the

direction of Miss Kinney and Miss Connell. There is the kindergarten work usually done in connection with the native churches but supervised by a thoroughly trained W.M.S. teacher.

At Taihoku, the W.M.S. provides for a graduate nurse in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, who has charge of the training of the undergraduate native nurses. These are given a three years' course and on graduating are recognized as thoroughly qualified nurses.

Last, but not least, there is evangelistic work throughout the entire field—Bible classes, visiting and the training of Bible women. It must be remembered that two distinct Chinese dialects are spoken in Formosa, that there are large numbers of Japanese citizens, and that work among the aborigines has hardly been begun. Surely the call sounds clear for highly trained women workers of varied gifts, if the work we take over is to be maintained and extended.

JAPAN

On October 6th we graduated 29 from our school for factory girls, and at present have 90 girls enrolled as regular students. They attend four evenings a week, from six-thirty until nine o'clock, and study the subjects that are taught in the regular girls' high schools. These girls come from all parts of Tokyo and represent various industries. They are obliged to attend at least two-thirds of the school year, if they wish to receive their certificates. We have no written examinations.

In addition, we have classes in knitting and cooking at the Settlement. The desire to knit has taken such possession of feminine Japan that classes for instruction in the gentle art are regular institutions. In our cooking classes, we teach the girls to make simple, inexpensive western dishes, which they can make in their homes.

Applications are coming to us from various groups of workers to conduct classes for the girls at their factories or at the headquarters of the labor unions. These requests always come from the workers themselves, through their unions. Last spring we received such a request from a clothing factory, operated by the Government Railways Department. The girls wanted to learn knitting, embroidery, flower arrangement and cooking. We were able to conduct these classes in the factory itself. In December, 154 girls from this factory received certificates from the Settlement. No university commencement has ever been prepared for with more eagerness and care than was that ceremony.

In the autumn, a committee of workers from one of the cotton factories in a suburb of Tokyo asked us to start a class in knitting. We were eager to do this, as it is exceedingly difficult for the girls in textile factories to take advantage of educational opportunities, as they usually live in dormitories; but this mill allows its women workers to

go to the union headquarters, to have the knitting class. The first night a goodly number gathered, on the second, 207 girls were simply packed into a room 36 feet long and 15 feet wide. As the girls could come only once every two weeks, because of the night shift, they begged us to come once a week in the morning at seven o'clock, as well as in the evening, so that the girls working at night, after finishing their eleven hour shift, at six o'clock, could begin their two hour knitting class at seven!

We have two more knitting classes, each meeting once a week at the headquarters of their labor unions. What impresses us constantly is the eagerness of the working men to give the girls an opportunity to learn something and broaden their outlook, for, of course, it is not the knitting or embroidery alone that counts, but the qualities which are developed in learning these things, and the contacts the girls make with their teachers and others who are interested in their welfare, and the awakening of the desire to improve in body and spirit.

BRITISH GUIANA

In the division of the property by the Federal Commission, the Presbyterian Church in Canada has, among other fields, been given British Guiana, and plans are being laid by our W.M.S. for the development of the work there.

The Observance of the Day of Prayer

Amkhut, India.

"It was good to meet here in lovely Amkhut on March 4th, and feel that we were just one of the little groups of praying women met all over the world to plead for the coming of His kingdom. We met at four o'clock in the afternoon, over thirty women, and spent a very blessed hour of prayer. The only hymn on the programme with which the Bhil Christian women were familiar was 'Jesus shall reign.' We sang it again and again, read it, had one and another sing the first verse as a solo, and thanked God that His word told us that Jesus should reign the world over. There was much earnest prayer and glad hearts praised God that the story of redeeming love had been made known in the Bhil country. The 74th Psalm was read and the prayers on the programme translated that the women might know the prayers going up that day all over the world, and join in them."

—*Mrs. Buchanan.*

Brisbane, Queensland.

"On March 4th, at your request, in our opening prayer, blessings were asked for and petitions were offered, that a further extension with

God's blessing be added thereto on your work through the year. We also sang 'Arm of the Lord, Awake, Awake,' and like our Canadian sisters, 'From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name be praised'."

—*Miss Gray.*

Gwalior Mission,
Jhansi, India.

"On March 4th we had a meeting with our own people here, in which all that were in Jhansi took part, and then we had a second and more general meeting of all the missionaries of Jhansi. It struck me that it would be nice if all the missionaries of Jhansi were to meet with you on March 4th, and the Union at once appointed a Committee to make arrangements. We did not attempt to follow the programme that you at home had sent out to us as that would have occupied far more time than we could possibly hope for here. In our first meeting the question asked was: How far are we prepared to receive the blessing which must follow this great volume of prayer ascending from all over the Western world? In the general meeting held under the auspices of the Missionary Union the first speaker dwelt upon the wonderful way in which Christ was to-day blessing the different Mission fields and therefore calling upon His own people to enter the many open doors. The Indian brother who represented the Indian Christian community, also spoke very wisely and helpfully on the power of the Master, which He was so anxiously waiting to use for our help and for the advancement of His own cause. At both meetings most of the time was spent in prayer."

—*Dr. John Wilkie.*

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

The "Presbyterian Record"; our "Glad Tidings"; all printed material; Library and Lantern Slide Departments. Pray that the printed page may be a means of education and inspiration to those who read; that our Editor, and the Secretary of Publications, may be given special guidance in choice of material; that the hearts of those with special literary talents may be stirred to provide suitable books and leaflets.

OUR LETTER BOX

Vancouver, B.C.

"We have had a Mission Band organized. There are 38 members so far, girls and boys, and they all seem quite interested. When Mrs. MacKenzie, the Mission Band Secretary, who came to organize us, asked them what name they would like for the Band, they thought of several. Then one suggested a Chinese name "Jun Kwong", which she said meant "Bright Lights". Just as we were deciding on that another girl said that a better translation would be "The True Light", so we are the "Jun Kwong or True Light Mission Band", and we are hoping and praying that each one of our members may indeed become a bright light, helping in some small measure to send the story of the True Light to some of the dark corners of the earth.

Some of the children wanted a meeting every week instead of twice a month, so I told them that on the alternate Mondays we would have a children's story hour, using lantern slides for the hymns and Bible pictures. We have had two such hours, so far, with 22 present the first day, and 29 the next. I was glad to be able to start such a meeting as I felt it would be a good opportunity to get into touch with some of the children who do not come regularly to Sunday School. Many of them come from homes where no interest is taken in anything religious, and the parents make other plans for Sunday afternoon. On Monday, however, the children are free to do as they wish after school, and are glad to come to us. One of our Sunday School teachers, who is also a student at the Bible School here, comes to both the Mission Band and story hour meetings, and is a very great help in every way."

—*Miss Gertrude Lawrence.*

Chang Chun, Manchuria.

"I feel I should tell you a little about the lovely two months or more I spent in Süchowfu, Kiangsu. I was on my way from Tsining, Shantung, to Ichowfu, Shantung, but in a remarkably clear way I was held up in Süchowfu and prevented from going to Ichowfu, which afterwards proved to be so providential.

So we just got to work with the Southern Presbyterians who took us in as one of their own. They afforded us the rare opportunity to learn to know the very heart of a station where work was carried on as harmoni-

ously and as smoothly as one can expect it of mortal beings. They wholeheartedly opened a branch of work for each one of us and I cannot tell you how we enjoyed our share.

Mine was the South-gate work, a growing church to which no institutional work was attached, so that we were certain that attendance and interest in meetings was solely for the Gospel message. Every day, except on Saturday, I went to visit several homes, besides holding meetings for women. We had thus splendid opportunities to reach heathen relatives of the Christians, neighbors and friends. The attitude of the Chinese in Süchowfu was very friendly and open, almost everywhere we had the heartiest reception and more open doors than we were able to enter. There were in that church some fine Christian women, who in their simple way had brought several others into the kingdom.

The climate certainly is very cold, but one blessing is the sun is shining every day. We have been here ten days now and all had our share in catching colds. Some of us are over the first one and starting a second one, but we soon hope to be used to the change. We had to learn how to protect ourselves, sometimes we load ourselves with clothes and then again we do not wear enough. But I am sure we will have adapted ourselves in a short time.

Mrs. Goforth surely has the hardest pull. The travelling about is very hard on her. This week she was counting up how often in this year, since leaving Toronto, she has changed dwelling-places—44 times! And that for an ill person! She just longs to get settled at last.''

—*Miss Anna Cook.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for July

''Moslem Women,'' Chapter 5, pp. 192-217.

AIM: To show the work being done by Christian women for Moslem women and children, and the need for more work.

Hymn—''At Even When the Sun Was Set,'' or ''Jesus Lover of My Soul.'' *Prayer—Glad Tidings,* p. 217. *Scripture*—Matt. 9:35-38; 10:1, 7, 8. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call. Offering. Solo. Study Topics*—The Need and Effect of Medical Work. *Hymn*—''We Have Heard a Joyful Sound.'' *Prayer*—Thanksgiving for all our missionaries are doing and confession of our lack of co-operation.

Suggestions

Let the second half of the chapter follow the plan of the first half

and develop it as a report of an imaginary deputation which has just returned from a missionary tour of inspection.

Topic 1.—"The Ministry of Healing"—Have the first delegate tell of dispensary and hospital work; infant mortality; motherhood; child welfare work, results pp. 192-202, 213, 215.

2. Let second delegate tell briefly of the work of three pioneer medical missionaries—Dr. Eddy, Dr. Caverly, Dr. Kugler, pp. 202-210.

3. Discuss—How can our Society help to secure the money, prayer, the life which is needed for this ministry of healing and education in the name of Christ?

4. Appeal of Moslem women: Each delegate given one minute to appeal for special help.

5. Let the leader outline the medical work our Society is doing in Canada and overseas and name the hospitals.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, as we approach Thee, it is to give heartfelt thanks and praise because of Thy abundant goodness to us, who at the best, are unworthy of Thy wonderful love so freely showered upon us. Instil a greater love for Thee in our hearts and a deeper desire to do more for Thee and Thy cause. Let Thy richest blessings be upon those who are toiling early and late for the extension of Thy Kingdom. Strengthen the weak, uplift the fallen. May a greater desire spring up among the peoples of the earth, for all that is pure and lovely, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving grace among all nations. O God, pour into our hearts such love for Thee that we will feel it impossible to be truly happy, unless we have fully consecrated to Thy service what may be in our power to accomplish for Thee. Dear Shepherd of our souls, "if the mercies of God blessedly beset us, let us not build 'Three Tabernacles' that we may abide, but rather like Paul call the places where our mercies meet us, 'Three Taverns,' then push on, thank God and take courage." Accept our grateful thanks for the favor Thou hast always shown our Empire. O most loving Father, be with us yet! We plead for our Church, inspire her to rise to her privileges, may Thy gracious blessing be upon her in all her interests. These petitions we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Patriotic and Missionary Pageant

SHOWING SIX DECADES OF W.M.S. WORK.

FOR USE DURING CONFEDERATION YEAR

Prepared by the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, for presentation on the Young People's Night at the Council Meeting, in Windsor, on May 27th.

PROLOGUE

MISS CANADA comes of age. She is finished with French governess and English tutor, and henceforth assumes responsibility for her own domain. She invites guests to her birthday party.

Provinces arrive in the order in which they have come into Confederation. Upper and Lower Canada, that is Quebec and Ontario arrive first, 1867. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick come next, also 1867, making apologies for the absence of their third Miss Maritime, Prince Edward Island. Manitoba comes in 1870. British Columbia follows, 1871. Prince Edward Island, 1873. Saskatchewan and Alberta are very late coming to the party, not arriving until 1905.

Miss Canada expresses her delight at their presence and also appreciation of the gifts they have brought, but after a little hesitation admits that one gift is still lacking, the human resources which she considers her greatest asset. What do the other gifts mean without her sons and her daughters?

Here Miss Canada makes a speech referring to the heroes and heroines of Canada which concludes with a fitting quotation from some Canadian poet.

Willingly the provinces give their consent and standing with shields outstretched sing "O Canada" in which the audience joins.

SCENE 1:—A Board Meeting of the Montreal Women's Missionary Society, then three years old. Statistics are given regarding number of Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, etc., and purpose of the Society is explained, and reveals the fact that these Christian women are helping Miss Canada solve her problem, the development of her "Human Resources."

Solo: Hymn 586—"Hark! the voice of Jesus crying."

SCENE 2:—A series of tableaux to indicate the following:

1876—Missionaries to India, the Misses Rodger and Fairweather, on designation, being presented with copies of Bible by a member of the W.M.S.

1877—Madame Coté reading to two little French children, who kneeling beside her, look up eagerly into her face.

1884—Supplies to the North-West being unpacked by Lucy Baker,

who is surrounded by a little Indian girl hugging her first doll, a boy proud in the possession of his new boots, and an Indian woman with a patch-work quilt draped around her shoulders, as she would have worn her shawl.

1884—The beginning of the magazine, written by hand; two women in dress of that period, one dictating from a letter which she holds in her hand, and the other writing it down.

1889—Scattered helpers—a woman's vision as she sits knitting by lamp light, her Bible open on the table and a mite box beside her. Children of many lands in costume creep out of the shadows and sing in chorus some familiar hymn such as "Tell me the Old, Old Story."

Recitation: One of Robert Service's poems or some poem suitable to a mining scene; or the account given in May number of Presbyterian *Record* describing the gold rush to Klondyke.

SCENE 3:—1898—A play "Inasmuch" which represents the founding of the first hospital unit at Atlin, B.C.

SCENE 4:—1907—Immigration and Assimilation. A family of new Canadians come across the stage, while in the background is heard sung, "Land of Hope and Glory"; then follows the lantern slides depicting work of School Homes, Hospitals, and Deaconess Training Home.

SCENE 5:—1914—The Great War—the Call to the Colours, indicated by a soldier holding the British flag, while audience join in the singing of "Rule Britannia."

SCENE 6:—1927—The Call of a White Flag of Peace. Heralds give Bugle Call. Then from the back of the Church or Hall comes a procession singing hymn 539, "We March, We March to Victory." The Mission Band children lead, carrying a banner of white upon which is written the word "Peace". Following them march the Canadian Girls in Training in their uniforms, then College girls in cap and gown, with pennants to represent the various Colleges. Next come the Deaconesses and Missionaries. Meanwhile the curtain has been drawn again to show Miss Canada and her Provinces in place again on the platform, in front of, and a little below the soldier with his British flag. Two little Mission Band girls in white take position in front of Miss Canada with the banner "Peace," while the other children and rest of the procession take their places at the sides. Then the President, steps forward and makes a few remarks about these recruits of our Church and country.

Closing Hymn No. 645—"Lord While for all Mankind we Pray."

Benediction.

National Anthem.

Note: This pageant has been prepared with a view to enlisting the united ability of the C.G.I.T., Mission Bands and Young People, and is intended to take the place of the ordinary programme. It is being printed in leaflet form and may be obtained at the Publications Office. Price 10c.

Presbyterian Summer Schools

LEADERS and prospective leaders will be interested to learn that provision has been made in the Presbyterian Summer School programmes for special instruction in girls' work:

Knox College, Toronto, July 4th–11th,

New Liskeard, July 11th–18th,

Sault Ste. Marie, July 20th–27th.

In addition, leaders' camps promoted by the Girls' Work Boards of the various provinces are to be held at:

Alberta—Camp Sylvan—date not decided.

British Columbia—Ocean Park—July 13th–25th.

Manitoba—Boundary Park—July 1st–10th.

Ontario—Beausoliel—August 3rd–13th.

Quebec—July 1st–11th.

Saskatchewan—Lumsden Beach—date not decided.

Folders announcing these camps, and girls' camps, will be forwarded you shortly from the Provincial Girls' Work Boards.

New affiliated Groups reported:—*Chatham*—Wacousta; *Acton*—Follow the Gleam.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

ENCOURAGING and inspiring were the sessions of Alberta's Thirteenth "Provincial." The Treasurer reported total receipts of $4,865.73, of which $4,328.55 had been sent to Toronto. This was $828.55 over the allocation.

There were 29 Auxiliaries, membership 643, an increase of 5 Auxiliaries; 7Associated Societies; 5 Y.W.A.'s, membership 85, contribution $130; 23

C.G.I.T. Groups, membership 282, contribution $60.80; 23 M.B.'s, membership 533, contribution $327.66, an increase of 10 Bands and 229 members; and 223 Home Helpers, who gave $266.93.

Records and 700 pounds of magazines had been sent to 20 different points, a library of 93 books to Vermilion Sunday School and Bibles and hymnals to several places. Several good papers are in the Exchange department, and can be had on application. The press has been more sympathetic this year. 450 copies of the *News Bulletin*, which began with 9 typed copies in January, 1926, are sent out free each month, 200 being distributed by the Synod, which assists in the cost.

Outfits for 8 Indian children, also supplies for Fort McMurray Hospital, and 26 bales of clothing, weighing 1216 pounds, valued at $988.20, were sent out. Six hundred and eighty-eight subscribe to *Glad Tidings*. Three Honorary, 17 Life and 6 Junior Life Members, also one third year badge, were received during the year. Nine Life Membership pins were sold. $109.50's worth of literature was sold.

The names of 932 adults and 375 children passed through the hands of the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and splendid work is being done in welcoming strangers.

The President reported that Vegreville Hospital and two schools, a nurses' home and small school building, standing in six acres of ground, had been returned to the Presbyterian Church by the Federal Commission, and the present staff will continue until the end of the term.

It was decided to continue the *News Bulletin* in whatever form the new board should decide.

Delegates to the General Council in Windsor will be, from the Board: Mrs. J. A. Fife and Miss A. Foote, substitutes Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Gardiner; and from the Provincial, Mrs. P. McNabb, Mrs. Peattie and Mrs. Buckham, substitutes, Mrs. Chrystal, Mrs. Christie, and Mrs. Revie.

Mrs. H. R. Horne gave splendid addresses on the work of the Society in all its varied branches, and told of the wonderful response being received from women all over the Dominion.

Dr. Jessie MacBean told of the work in South China, and aroused great interest by her survey of the Chinese political situation, which she knew through her twenty years' work in Kong Moon. She pointed out that the trouble is domestic, and upheld the attitude of the British, who are not interfering in Chinese politics, but simply protecting their own people, and held that much of the trouble is caused by Russian Bolshevists who hate Britain, and by labor unions who have learned their power, but not how to use it, and are incited to mischief by the Reds.

Tuesday's evening session was arranged by the young people. Dr. McBean spoke, and the W.M.S. slides were shown.

First Presbyterial W. M. Auxiliary, Edmonton, took in $100 at its regular March meeting.

Calgary Presbyterial Treasurer reports $197.59 sent to the Provincial Treasurer in March.

The W. M. Auxiliary of Innisfail, are rendering fine service.

At a successful St. Patrick Day sale put on by St. Andrew's and Bethel Guild and W. M. Auxiliary $31 was received in little stockings, which had been sent out accompanied by St. Patrick Day cards, and a request for a birthday Thank-offering. Rev. R. C. Acheson spoke of St. Patrick; Rev. L. E. Maxwell told of Miss Maxwell's work in Amkhut; and Mrs. A. C. Forsythe told of a visit to Kansas City, where she heard Dr. Grenfell and Mrs. A. McPherson.

The Sunbeam and Excelsior M. B.'s collected $18 at a pageant showing the work of the W.M.S., costumes being lent by Mrs. Kinnaird, M.B. Secretary. Seven girls in costume gave recitations on Voices from Many Lands; three little children gave prayers for children in Japan, China and Labrador; a sketch, "Bringing Them to Jesus," and missionary solos and choruses completed the programme.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

KOOTENAY P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Cranbrook, on March 10th and 11th, Mrs. A. MacKinnon, President, in the chair. Delegates were present from New Denver, Nelson and Creston; also Mrs. G. W. Ledingham of Vancouver, Provincial vice-President, and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary.

At the end of 1925 there were only two Auxiliaries left in this Presbyterial; there are now four Auxiliaries, one Y.W. Auxiliary, two Associate Societies, three Mission Bands, and three Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups. All the departments showed progress, the supply allocation had been met and the money allocated over subscribed.

Mrs. John Martin, of Cranbrook, was appointed a delegate to the Provincial Annual Meeting, at Victoria, and Mrs. Worden, also of Cranbrook, to the General Council.

Miss Pelton gave two splendid addresses during the convention.

Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, of Vancouver, conducted the election and installation of officers. Secretaries to be added to the list in the annual report are: Y.W., Mission Band, and C.G.I.T., Mrs. J. B. Grey, Nelson; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. C. Hare, Creston; Literature and Library, Miss Betty George, New Denver; Home Helpers, Mrs. M. Gibbs, Nelson; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Martin, Trail; Supply, Mrs. Choate, Nelson; Press, Mrs. P. McCurrach, Cranbrook.

On the following Sunday evening Mrs. Ledingham and Miss Pelton addressed the Presbyterian congregation at Kimberly. At the conclusion of the service an Associate Society was organized, making the third Associate Society in the Kootenay Presbyterial.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—The annual meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm, recently, the President, Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, presiding. Delegates were present from Armstrong, Kamloops, and Vernon.

Mrs. D. B. Johnstone, of Kamloops, took charge of the question drawer. Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, gave an address on "Presbyterial Work", and Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, of Vancouver, first vice-President of the Provincial Society, brought greetings from the Board and conducted the election and installation of officers.

Changes in Secretaries are: Young Women's, Mrs. J. T. Armstrong, Penticton; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Salmon Arm.

Reports from all departments were most encouraging.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE thirteenth annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial was held in the Assembly Hall, Young Street, Winnipeg, on March 29th.

At the morning session the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. N. McEachern, and a prayer service followed.

Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, the President, occupied the chair at all three sessions. The President's address was followed by the reports of the Provincial officers. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. Andison, showed that great strides were made last year in carrying the faith afield, work had been done in the country districts, among the Indian children, and in the distribution of literature in lumbermen's camps and in camps where there was no congregational worship.

The Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. McGee, reported that they had exceeded their allocation by over $1,000.

A dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. D. Johnstone, who commended to the Divine care Dr. Jessie MacBean, who expects to return to China.

Devotional services by the Brandon Presbyterial, opened the afternoon session. Mrs. R. J. Kirkland read the scriptures, Mrs. Robert Paterson led in prayer.

Mrs. Andison's report showed that there were 614 members, 11 Auxiliaries and 1 Associate Society in Winnipeg alone. The visits of Mrs. H. R. Horne, Miss Lamont and Miss Ethel Reid were gratefully remembered.

The Mission Band report was read by Mrs. Cadwell. Miss Galbraith

gave a talk on Mission Band work which was being carried on faithfully.

Mrs. Evans, Supply Secretary, reported the complete outfitting of ten Indian children, sending of Christmas cheer to the Birtle reserve, and clothing to poor settlers.

Mrs. Payne's Welcome and Welfare report showed that the names of 17,000 Presbyterian newcomers had been received and many followed by letter to country points. Mrs. Payne had opened her home to lonely girls from the east and the Old Country and this had led to the forming of the Girls' Friendly Club.

Mrs. Rorke's Literature report showed that many leaflets and books had been sent to homes and camps and that a large list of publications was available.

Miss Connell, Library Secretary, reported the sending out of much reading matter to hospitals, shut-ins, country rest homes, lonely prairie farms, and the new settlers in the soldier settlement districts.

Mrs. Digby Wheeler gave a good report of the work being done among the young people.

Mrs. George Leckie, Press Secretary, made a special appeal to the Secretaries to send items of interest for *Glad Tidings* to Mrs. M. Fulkerson, 483 Maryland, who will then forward it to 1457 Winnipeg Ave.

The officers remain the same except that Mrs. A. Andison was made first vice-President, Mrs. G. A. Lister, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. R. McInnis, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. H. R. Horne had charge of the question drawer and the information she gave was a very great help. At the supper hour Mrs. H. A. Robson welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Yuill responded.

There was a large gathering at the public evening meeting. The devotional service was taken by Rev. J. Mackie Niven. Greetings from Brandon Presbyterial were brought by the President, Mrs. J. A. McDonald; from Winnipeg Presbyterial by the President, Mrs. P. Kee; and from Manitoba Synod, by Rev. W. J. Forbes Robertson.

Two very fine addresses were given by Dr. Jessie MacBean and Mrs. H. R. Horne. Dr. J. MacBean emphasized the student work in Canton, China. The provinces are greatly in need of doctors and teachers and hundreds of Chinese students with brilliant minds, and a knowledge of Western teachings are preparing themselves for this work. Many come in not Christians but few go out without becoming Christians. It is not our theories but Christ they want. We hope to continue our work in South China and Dr. MacBean begged that we pray earnestly for China, which is now passing through a national development.

Mrs. Horne brought hearty greetings from the Council Executive. She described our Society as a voluntary organization of the women of the Presbyterian Church to work and pray for home and foreign missions. She

called attention to the problem of the scattered families of our Church in the rural districts, and the lonely people to whom we can lend a helping hand. She stated that we have a kindergarten teacher ready to go to Formosa, and two new missionaries for India. The pressure of missions may seem heavy in this time of reconstruction but let us not spend all in building our own comfortable, beautiful churches. Listen to the cry from afar—"You who have never been blind, bring us the light out here in our darkness."

The service of dedication of officers was conducted by Rev. D. Johnstone, Clerk of Synod. The meeting closed with the benediction.

ONTARIO

MRS. H. H. ALLEN, 112 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Brockville, successfully performed an unexampled task, when the men and women of a single congregation entertained the Ontario Provincial gathering of the W.M.S., and, in the effort, left nothing to be desired.

Truly, we were on historic Presbyterian ground, confronted with the tablet on the Church wall, to the memory of the pioneer minister, Rev. William Smart, of Edinburgh, who founded the first Sabbath School in the Dominion and helped to organize the Presbytery of Montreal.

The sessions opened April 26th, at two o'clock, with the President, Mrs. J. A. Milne, directing the programme, and a devotional spirit pervading the audience. Mrs. Milne's message was: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward." It was a challenging review of a most successful year and a call for enlarged membership to share in the sacrifice of increased service. The first and second Vice-Presidents presided at the two evening sessions, respectively. Great regret at the President's retirement, through ill-health, was voiced by Mrs. R. J. McLean of Toronto, who presented as a token of the Provincial's love, a sheaf of roses. But as a member without portfolio, Mrs. Milne will still assist us, to our great joy.

The Corresponding Secretary reported 24 Presbyterials, 1,028 organizations, with a membership of 23,538, an increase of 4,915, distributed as follows: Auxiliaries, 15,852; Y.W. Auxiliaries, 2,408; Mission Bands, 7,765; C.G.I.T., 1,001; Home Helpers, 5,512.

The Treasurer's report was most gratifying. Receipts were $134,970.79, an increase of 65 per cent. over last year. For 1927, the accepted allocation is $130,000, meaning $5,000 increase.

At the Mission Band hour, Mrs. G. Vanstone of the Provincial, and Mrs. J. W. Dill of the Council, "set the children in the midst", in

their excellent talks on the supreme importance of the dedication of young life. The latter speaker commended the Master's programme—enlistment—instruction—prayer.

Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, through much experience, was most enthusiastic over the possibilities of successful effort among teen-age girls. Sympathetic understanding and consistent home training will solve many problems.

Beneficial conferences were conducted by the Provincial Secretaries and findings reported. Minority groups must be strengthened and churches built for the stabilization of our Presbyterian work.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy intelligently dealt with the question-box, bringing forth helpful hints and also brought an excellent report of the recent meetings of American Federated Mission Boards. Other welcome visitors were Miss Jessie Parsons of the Publications Office, and Miss H. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Deaconess Training Home. An officer who was much missed was Mrs. M. B. McQuesten of Hamilton, from whom a telegram of kindly greeting was received.

Miss Bertha Robson of Amkhut, India, was our special missionary speaker, whose story of successful work among the Bhils was replete with interest. After 30 years' effort, Dr. Buchanan and staff have the great hope of a Christian Bhil nation being established in the heart of India.

Three outstanding ministers brought eloquent messages. Rev. D. MacOdrum reminded us that the great success of our W.M.S. had been in awakening the missionary consciousness of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. H. Munro, Cornwall, bearing greetings from Synod, declared that optimism is the note of the Church, because of the great task confronting it. Dr. Keir Fraser, Renfrew, stated that "results do not belong to us, they are in God's hand. Retreat begins at failure in prayer. A great task awaits us and a glorious victory is marching to meet God's Church."

The changes in officers were: President, Mrs. W. M. Rochester, Toronto; second Vice-President, Mrs. W. M. Kannawin, Toronto.

The words of welcome spoken so beautifully by Mrs. D. MacOdrum and Mrs. J. S. Riddell, President of Brockville Presbyterial, projected their influence throughout all the sessions and the appropriate closing words of Mrs. J. A. Locheed, Hamilton, centred around the statement, "But you must come near and kneel down and look up into the face of the Christ."

Prayer by Mrs. Milne dismissed the gathering, which will convene next year, in Guelph.—J. K.

NOTE.—The Ontario Press Secretary would like to express her sincere thanks to Mrs. Kannawin, Toronto, and Mrs. Hill, Ottawa, for

their exceptionally fine press work in Brockville. They undertook the duties of the Press Secretary, held at home by quarantine, in addition to their own work, and we feel that the Provincial owes a debt of gratitude to them, no member feeling that debt greater than the Press Secretary.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The quarterly executive meeting was held on April 8th in Knox-Crescent Lecture Hall, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. There was a good attendance, 16 Auxiliaries, 5 Y.W. Auxiliaries and 7 Mission Bands being represented. Devotional exercises were conducted by representatives from Knox-Crescent, Fairmount-Taylor and McVicar Memorial Y.W. Auxiliaries.

The Treasurer's statement showed that $1787.21 had been received from Auxiliaries since January 12, 1927, being $130 more than this time last year.

Home Helpers Secretary reported 38 new members, making a total membership of 700. Young Women's Secretary reported 2 new Y.W. Auxiliaries and the affiliation of 2 Y.W. Clubs. One new Mission Band had been formed, making 20 Bands in all. Supply Secretary has received from the Auxiliaries, bales of clothing, and money amounting to $24.15. *Glad Tidings* subscribers number 1450, which is a considerable increase. The Literature Secretary reported a large number of books, constitutions, etc., sold at the annual meeting and to Auxiliaries and members. Nine Life Membership, 2 In Memoriam and 3 Junior Certificates have been subscribed for since January.

Miss Ethel Reid of South China, who is now engaged in work among the Chinese of Montreal, gave an inspiring address with a special message to the young women, which was very much appreciated.

A resolution of congratulations was unanimously passed by the meeting to the Rev. Dr. George and Mrs. Whillans, on the attainment of forty years of ministry and service in North Georgetown, Que.

The resignation of Mrs. J. G. Reid, Welcome and Welfare Secretary was accepted with regret, Mrs. E. R. Douglas was elected in her place. The resignation of Miss Jean Ferguson, C.G.I.T. Secretary was also accepted with much regret.

An enjoyable solo was rendered by Miss Gertrude McHarg of Fairmount-Taylor Y.W. Auxiliary.

The meeting closed with prayer by Miss E. Liversedge of Fairmount-Taylor Y.W.A.

Mission Band Rally

The Annual Rally of the Montreal Presbyterian Mission Bands, was held in Stanley Church, Westmount, on Tuesday afternoon, April 19th at 2 o'clock. Over 350 attended this gathering, representing 15 Mission Bands of Montreal and district. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. W. D. Reid. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, President of Montreal Presbyterial, opened the meeting, and then Master Stewart Reid took the chair. The programme consisted of fancy drills, missionary pageants, dialogues, solos and choruses, all successfully carried out by the children.

Rev. Geo. E. Taylor of Calvin-Westminister Church gave the address of the afternoon, his subject being "The drawing power of Jesus".

An interesting feature was the presentation of the Banner to the most progressive Band in the Presbyterial. This honor is shared by the "Hannah Sever" Band of Riverfield and Howick and the "Goforth" Band of First Presbyterian Church, Verdun, each to hold the Banner for six months.

Refreshments served by the ladies of Stanley Church, brought to a close a most successful Rally.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

Annual Meeting

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Provincial Society took place April 6th and 7th in First Presbyterian Church, Regina. This was the first annual meeting held since the re-organization of the Society at Saskatoon on October 25th, 1925. The local W.M.S. was pardonably proud to entertain in the beautiful new church on Albert Street between fifty and sixty delegates from all parts of the province.

Mrs. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon, acting President, occupied the chair during the two days' meetings, the convention was very much indebted to her for the courteous and efficient manner with which she presided. In her President's address Mrs. Brown stressed the encouraging features of the work throughout the past year.

Mrs. Anna Ross of Strassbourg, a dear old lady seventy-nine years of age, gave the opening address from the 65th Psalm, the points discussed were: "What to pray for; how to pray; results of prayer."

Devotional exercises were taken by ladies of Regina and Moose Jaw Presbytery.

Mrs. S. Farley, of Regina, in a few well chosen words, gave the address of welcome which was replied to by Mrs. Honeyman of Maple Creek. The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Anglican Church sent sincere greetings and best wishes for a very successful convention.

In 1925 we had 12 Groups, in 1927 we have 63 Groups, with a total membership of 1,100; the givings amounted to $3,818.15, which is $1,818.15 more than the allocation; there are approximately 400 subscribers to the *Glad Tidings.*

Changes in officers are: President, Mrs. H. R. Horne, 9 Stadacona Apts., Moose Jaw; Secretaries—Rec., Mrs. S. Farley, 2119 Albert St., Regina; Corr., Mrs. Walter Martin, 3032 Retallack St., Regina; Life Membership, Mrs. G. McTavish, Saskatoon; *Glad Tidings,* Mrs. D. M. Yule, 2307 Smith Ave, Regina; Press, Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina; Treasurer, Mrs. Archie Munro, Saskatoon.

Dr. MacBean, of South China, gave a most interesting and instructive address on "China", convincing us of the fact that despite the civil war now prevailing there, and the perturbed condition of the Chinese people, their hearts are still yearning to know the only true and living God.

Mrs. Horne, of Moose Jaw, was in charge of the question drawer. Mrs. Horne also gave an address in which she defined fully the workings of the W.M.S. from Auxiliary to Assembly. It was a real education. We are delighted to be able to report Mrs. Horne as our new Provincial President.

The intenseness of the meetings was relieved by a beautiful pageant, "The Garden of the Heart" put on under the direction of Mrs. George Bell.

The meetings closed with a prayer of thankfulness to God that although our Church has suffered much, we will trust and not be afraid believing God has a great work for us to do.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Moose Jaw, gave a banquet to the Presbyterian young people of the city. Dr. Jessie MacBean, medical missionary from China, gave an address which was greatly appreciated by all present.

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Bank Balance		$ 1,948.00
Disbursements		$ 96,331.95
Pension Fund		5,014.00
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"A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

"A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

"When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee.

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day."
Deut. 8: 7-11.

Prayer

Oh Lord, our Heavenly Father great and high, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we, a people on our knees on this glad day, bless and praise Thy holy name. We thank Thee for our forefathers and their faith, we thank Thee for their vision and devotion in establishing in this land Christian traditions. We thank Thee for the memories of a childhood filled with training in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We thank Thee for those gone hence, both men and women, who by their faith and works have left an example of godliness and industry to all those who may come after them. We thank Thee for the men who raised up by Thee, have led the people of our land truly and well in justice, in government, in education, in industry and in all matters pertaining to the well-being of the citizens of this great and goodly country. We thank Thee also for freedom to worship God, none daring to make us afraid. We acknowledge before Thee, great and merciful God, our sins and shortcomings. Visit not upon us, O Lord, the just consequences of our sins, but for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour, forgive us, love and receive us and help us from this day forth in token of our repentance to lead a life more pleasing in Thy sight, and more devoted to the best and highest interests of our country. We thank Thee for our prosperity, for our happiness, for our opportunities to be good and to do good, and help us Lord to take up the responsibilities of every day in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who pleasing not Himself, served and saved all in any need, sorrow, sickness or distress. Give us, we pray Thee, of this His spirit, that so the succeeding generations of this land may be followers of Christ in greater measure than their predecessors, and so build a yet greater land and people for the glory of God and the good of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Arms of Canada

THE Dominion Coat of Arms, as approved by the Government and authorized by the King appears on the front page of this, our Confederation number. We quote three facts regarding the Arms of Canada which are worthy of attention.

First, that Canadians stand to their King in as close a relation as do any of his subjects elsewhere; secondly, that Canada, an integral part of the British Empire, has emerged from the War a member of the League of Nations; and, lastly, that Canada was founded by the men of four different races—French, English, Scottish and Irish—and that Canadians inherit the language, laws, literature and glory—and the arms—of all four mother countries. Upon these three considerations has been based the achievement of arms which the King has authorized Canada to bear.

The arms are those of England, Scotland, Ireland and France, with a "difference" to mark them as Canadian, namely, on the lower third of the shield, a sprig of maple on a silver field.

The crest is a lion holding in its paw a red maple leaf, a symbol of sacrifice.

The supporters are, with some slight distinctions, the lion and unicorn of the Royal Arms. The lion upholds the union jack, and the unicorn the ancient banner of France.

The motto is new—"A mari usque ad mare"—"From sea to sea", or, in a phrase familiar in Canadian politics and Canadian literature, "Ocean to Ocean". It is an extract from the Latin version of verse 8 of the 72nd Psalm, which in the Authorized Version is: "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth". The Latin reads: "Et dominibitur a mari usque ad mare, et a flumine usque ad terminos orbis terrarum". There is a tradition that the Fathers of Confederation derived the designation "Dominion" from this verse.

"So, in the long hereafter, this Canada shall be
The worthy heir of British power and British liberty;
Spreading the blessings of her sway to her remotest bounds,
While, with the fame of her fair name, a continent resounds
True to her high traditions, to Britain's ancient glory
Of patient saint and martyr, alive in deathless story;
Strong, in their liberty and truth, to shed from shore to shore
A light among the nations, till nations are no more."

—*His Dominion.*

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President's Address

TO-DAY we are gathered for the sixty-third anniversary of the birth of our Women's Missionary Society, which by the blessing of God, has added to its record another year of endeavor and of progress.

This is also a year of special National significance. Bonfires and beacons are being lighted on hill tops from sea to sea, maple trees are being planted; Diamond Jubilee concerts are being held; young Canada in school exercise and in public parade is celebrating the Dominion's sixtieth birthday.

It behooves us as a part of this growing nation, and as members of our beloved Church and Society, to meditate a little on what sixty years have wrought and to "consider all the way the Lord our God hath led us." When we think of the gradual transition from dependent Colony to a Nation, with responsibilities as one of the factors, however small, in the great League of Nations, we thank Almighty God for His guidance and reaffirm the thought of the prophetic Hon. Mr. Tilley, of the days of Confederation, in that grand old verse from Ps. 72, 8: "He also shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

In material things we have been richly blessed; a land almost unsettled in 1867, now has nearly a nine million population, and is one of the great wheat granaries of the world. Canada is the world's largest producer of pulp-wood and news print material. It furnishes 20 per cent. of the asbestos of the world. It stands first in nickel and cobalt treasure, and fourth in gold production. Could our forefathers, who laid the foundations amid unspeakable hardships but be granted a glimpse of the changes that come with the years, how they would rejoice to see the electric light supersede the candle, the motor car the ox cart, the telephone and typewriter the quill pen, the sky scraper the cottage.

The changes in the life and habits of the people are, in some ways, no less startling. Rapid transportation across our continent is of only forty-one years standing and just now the eighth airplane and first solo flyer to cross the Atlantic has thrilled the world. The radio and trans-Atlantic telephone has brought and broadcasted the news. Courage and endurance are still with us. In 1867 the idea of state education was not general, yet in the prairie provinces for a period of ten years the Govern-

ment opened an average of one new school each school day of the year in an effort to keep pace with the tide of immigration which swelled, in a pre-war year, to an average of 1,197 a day throughout that year. More than half our population entered our country in two decades.

Changes and responsibilities have faced our Church throughout these sixty years. Ever in the vanguard of opportunity has been the Church. Wherever steel was laid, and beyond, there our Robertsons travelled indefatigably, keeping alive the spirit of worship of the pioneers, and our W.M.S., begun in 1864, three years before Confederation, has sought to aid and help. As citizens of our fair Dominion, as members of the Church of the bush that ever burns but is not consumed, as women and girls who love their country, we rejoice in what God has guided us to do to help to make this glorious land His.

The work we have been doing in our own land has been sustained and augmented throughout the year. Welcome and Welfare workers meet the lonely and weary, as well as the hopeful and ambitious, at the ports. Volunteers in every Church and Auxiliary follow them wherever they go to make new homes. In our Social Service Department, Deaconesses and hospital visitors care for them in city life, as the reports will show. In some places these Deaconesses have held Sunday Schools, in others Church services, three are on Summer Student fields and everywhere the ministration of these twenty women to Jew and Gentile, new and old Canadian, is in the name of Christ and country.

Into the far North we have followed those needing medical ministration, and our two new hospitals—McMurray, 300 miles north of Edmonton, and South Porcupine, 300 miles north of Toronto, have given much needed help. It is an interesting fact that there are less than 700 hospitals (public, private and Red Cross) in our whole Dominion and that the W.M.S. now finances four of these.

Our staff among the Chinese in Canada now numbers ten, including Miss Crockett, and their work has been greatly helped by the four single missionaries at home for a time from South China. These people of a great nation, torn with growing pains, see our international mistakes and failures, yet many of them realize the only cure for China is the message of Jesus Christ.

The oppressed and persecuted Persian has found consolation and fresh hope through your ministration in this new land.

In our policy of seeing that young people are within reach of educational privileges, we have added another to the list of School Homes, one in Saskatoon, making six now under our care. That these may be in use the year round has been our hope, and from the report of the Educational Secretary you will see how this ideal is being reached in Summer School and Sunday School extension work.

Birtle and "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Boarding Schools have continued their care of the children of the only indigenous and original Canadians, although only recently have we received them again from the trustees.

The Library Department has been busy furnishing pulpit Bibles and hymn books to groups who have lost them along with their churches.

The Supply Department has labored under difficulties peculiarly its own, with bales piled up, ready for shipping, delayed until the decisions of the Commission were made, and consent could be given to forward them.

Just here let us say a word about the Federal "Commission appointed pursuant to the United Church of Canada Act." This has been meeting from time to time from September 17th, 1926, to April 16th, 1927, dividing up the several properties, trusts, funds, etc., between the United Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In this our W.M.S. shares.

At an early date after the 10th of June, 1925, letters were sent to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Church, asking that, if possible, to save expense and the time of the lawyers, the witnesses, and of the Commission, some division of work should be agreed upon by the two Churches concerned. Later a letter to the same effect was sent to the Home Mission Board. For a time it seemed as if hope of such arrangements were not possible, but when the Federal Commission met, it ordered that if possible this should be done. A compromise, which is now an order of the Commission, was finally reached. Like most compromises, this probably does not wholly suit either Church. Our aim was to secure our Church's due proportion, but at the same time to save the expenditure of the Church's mission money on lawyers' bills and extended Commission expenses.

From early days our W.M.S. has felt its responsibility in sending the gospel message, not only to the crowded city slum and the pioneer district of Canada, but to the lands overseas.

We rejoice particularly this year in the Jubilee of the Mission in India. Fifty years of seed sowing have brought a rich harvest for which we thank God. Where once was only Hindu temple and Mohammedan Mosque, to-day are hospitals, schools, and Churches with 6,000 communicants. Through Miss Rogers and Miss Fairweather, the W.M.S. began work in India in 1873, and in Central India in 1877. Dr. Marion Beatty was the first medical missionary, followed by 24 other medical men and women during these years. This year, too, is the 30th year of the work among the Bhils, begun by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan. Already there are there 900 Christian communicants. This harvest is your harvset. Let us give thanks for what God has wrought. Part of this territory has now been given to the United Church by the Federal Commission, and we wish the work and workers God speed as they enter another decade.

In India, too, the Gwalior report is a great encouragment to us, and a credit to our veterans, Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie, who also went to India about fifty years ago.

It seems to be a time of anniversaries for this too, is the 30th year of the British Guiana work, where so many people from India have come to work on plantations under contract. Where once were only Hindus and Mohammedans, to-day we have 513 communicants, 2,928 baptized non-communicants, and a total Christian community of 3,879. This work which needs strengthening, in the women's side particularly, although begun by the Eastern section of the Church, which also carried on so well the work in the New Hebrides, which later was handed over to the Australian Church, has been, for some years, the work of the whole Church.

In Japan, the reports show large dividends on the investment of capital there under Dr. Caroline Macdonald. We hope ere long as a Church and W.M.S. to begin further work among Koreans in Japan, now numbering over 200,000.

In Formosa we have only recently resumed administration. The thrilling story of the increasing work amongst the lepers, with cures of incipient cases will warm our hearts.

Over China the war clouds have hung low. She is working out her policy of self determination, and the leaven of Western education is working. Our anxiety is that the resultant, the lump be Christian in essence. Dr. MacBean, who has been training medical women in South China, expects to return this autumn, if conditions permit. Not only to ourselves, but to South China came an irreparable loss when our beloved Miss Agnes Dulmage was called to her heavenly reward. War's alarms had altered her place of service, but had resulted in enlarging her influence for her Master. We cannot express our sorrow in this the first break in our missionary staff since June 10th, 1925.

In North China, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Mr. Reoch, and the two W.M.S. ladies are beginning work. They will need housing and equipment as soon as the times permit. In danger and inconvenience they are faithfully serving.

This year has been a busy one for the Candidate Department. Fervent and faithful prayers must be ascending, for its record is an amazing story of the appeal of missionary service to the young womanhood of our Church. Among College and High School students and nurses' Training Schools, good work has been done, and through this feeder of the Candidate Department names are constantly being received of those in preparation for future service.

While the avowed policy of our Church is to properly equip and carry on the work we have before considering expansion, many fascinating opportunities of new work, and pleas for our assistance continue to

reach us. Our great regret is that we cannot undertake all. Let us hope that it will not be long till at least a choice may be made. New undertakings at home and abroad, await us. Old ones, some of which have been starved, must be nourished.

The story of the Organization Department is one of great interest and encouragement. The Treasury furnishes one proof of the interest of the membership in the ventures of the Society. This helps to explain the fact that without borrowing we have been able to send our cheque of $85,000 for repayment of monies expended by the United Church W.M.S., as trustee administrators of the work now assigned to us. A tribute is due to the self-sacrificing women, young people and children, who have through their loyal support enabled every provincial to exceed its financial aim. The self-denials, the prayers and thought that this represents, eternity alone can tell.

The policy of the Council Executive has been to give all possible information about our work to its branches. To do this more effectively, the field staff was increased to three, augmented by a Girls' Work Secretary, who was appointed jointly with the Assembly's Board of Sunday Schools. These, assisted by faithful officers of Auxiliaries, Presbyterials, and Provincials, have faithfully sought to tell the story of our Church's fields and their needs.

The Secretaries and officers of the Council Executive have given most constant service. To these and especially to the Vice-Presidents will you let me give my highest personal tribute and thanks. We feel the loss in the removal of Mrs. Horne, with her wise counsel, from our weekly meetings.

As we speak of these four Vice-Presidents, our thoughts naturally turn to the sorrow upon our number, in the passing of our beloved Mrs. Ross to higher service. She had been absent for some months, but had served so many years as Secretary of Honan and Vice-President.

Our office staff deserves our special notice. Never have we had so capable, so efficient, or so courteous helpers.

The volume of work accomplished in our Editorial, Publication, Treasurer's and administrative sections is amazing. Only a small fraction of this can ever be reported to you.

For many years the need of a deputation to foreign fields has been felt. On the assignment of fields by the Commission, this became more pronounced and an appointment was made for an immediate visit, which however had to be delayed, and only the British Guiana field has been surveyed. The wisdom of this decision has been more than justified, and much material and information has been gathered to assist the Board of Missions in outlining its policy for the coming years. The trip to the

Orient is even more necessary, as we are much handicapped in some administrative decisions for lack of certain information we had hoped to have obtained by this date. The Council Executive is asking of this Council that two of its number undertake this responsible task.

Thus, undertakings new and old await us in the coming year. Some of us face them in strength and joy, some burdened and sorrowful. But with brave heart let each in her God appointed place, serve Him. Bonfires die, special days of Jubilee pass, but the word of the Lord endureth forever. His command in the closing word of Matthew, still is our watchword, His burning bush still glows with Holy fire to enthuse us for serving. In this year of our National celebration, let us go forth, each to do her share in prayer, in praise, in sacrifice, to lay eternal foundations for Canada to help win the world for Christ.

Annual Financial Review

MRS. R. C. DONALD

LAST year we had so little work I found it difficult to find enough material in our Finance Department to interest you. This year it is difficult to condense all I would like to tell for we have been given back our fields at home and abroad and our great opportunity has come.

First let us review our work for 1926. Our estimates for that year amounted to $100,000 but as you know we sent out allocations for $150.000 to be ready, when the Commission decided on the work to be assigned to us. You will be interested to know that our disbursements for 1926 were $97,583.22 which left just a small balance from the $100,000 estimated for.

As the end of the year drew near we waited anxiously to see how our allocations were going to be met. But there was no need to worry, for by the 31st of January all money for 1926 was in, amounting to $167,094.19—every Province had gone well over its allocation—and our books were closed on time.

I would like to say here, that it is not necessary to have the audited reports by January 31st, if they are sent to me as soon after as possible, so that our Auditor may have them. The money is the important thing as, any coming in after our books are closed, cannot be counted for the past year.

We have carried out the instructions of the Council in regard to establishing our Sustaining and Pensions funds. At the end of April these stood at $29,778.48, and $5,014 respectively, besides which we had still left from our $50,000 savings account $31,172.

When, on April 30th, we received word that the Commission had made their final decision and we were to pay to the United Church for the maintenance of our fields since 1925, the sum of $85,000, we were able, without borrowing, to pay this large amount. I would remind you, however, that this amount includes the expenses and salaries of these fields for the first three months of 1927 and so is provided for in our estimates for 1927.

Our Savings Account is all gone and our Sustaining Fund is reduced to $9,000, but we must make ourselves realize that this means that we have been supporting all this work without any break, and to me it is very wonderful that you have had the vision and faith to do this.

There are properties to come to us but these have all been taken over by the Church, and when divided will be handed over to our Trustees. There are also trust funds to come to us but we do not know yet what the amount of these will be. Our property, at present as reported by the trustees, includes New Liskeard School Home, South Porcupine Hospital and the new School Home in Saskatoon.

Just a word of warning. Our money comes in and we are sure it will come up to your allocations again this year, but, unfortunately, the very large amounts come in the last three months of the year which makes it very difficult to finance our work. *Until now it has been fairly easy, first, because we had comparatively little work and a good savings account. Now, the savings are gone and our work is increased.* Our salary list amounts to over $5,000 a month for National work and the drafts come in quarterly from our Overseas Fields. For January and February we received $6,000 and paid out $19,000 and so far this year—five months—I have only received $22,779.62. Could our Finance Secretaries and other officers not urge the necessity of systematic giving, explaining our difficulty?

I would like to speak of special gifts. As you know, we do not favor this way of giving, but we certainly do not refuse such gifts. But, to be printed in our report, these amounts must be sent direct to me and not counted in your allocations, then they are noted in our individual gifts. Legacies are treated in the same way and go into a special account.

Our only outstanding debt now is our share of the Commission expenses, and we do not know yet what they will be, probably from $10,000 to $20,000. Our Sustaining Fund has been reduced to $9,000 and must be made up to what it was, which means we have $20,000 to repay.

Our responsibilities are still heavy, but we can meet them if we continue to carry on our Master's work in the same loyal, generous way in which we have in the past.

Summary of the Fields Assigned by the Federal Commission to the Presbyterian Church in Canada

OVERSEAS

North Formosa,
British Guiana,
Gwalior, India,
South Bhil District, and West Nimar Districts Comprising Amkhut, Alirajpur, Jobat, Mendha, Sardi, Barwani.

Statement of settlement between the United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, of maintenance costs of the fields supported by the Women's Missionary Society, with the exception of British Guiana, from June 10, 1925, to March 31, 1927

Formosa	$25,024.78
Bhil Field in India	4,648.97
Gwalior	2,120.00
Total Overseas Repayment to the United Church	$31,793.75

This amount includes the maintenance of these fields for the first three months of 1927, which has been allowed for in our estimates for 1927.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Boarding School, Lake of the Woods, Ont.,
Birtle Indian Boarding School, Man.,
"Lucy Baker" Girls' School Home, Prince Albert, Sask.,
"Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask.,
Girls' School Home, Canora, Sask.,
Boys' and Girls' School Homes, Vegreville, Alta.,
"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.,
*Chinese Mission, Victoria.

*The Chinese Church in Victoria belongs to the Presbyterian Church, but the women workers are under the direction of and are supported by the Women's Missionary Society. We also have two workers, in the Vancouver Chinese Mission.

Statement of settlement between the United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, of maintenance costs of the fields supported by the Women's Missionary Society, from June 10, 1925, to March 31, 1927

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Boarding School, Ont.	$ 5,998.54
Birtle Indian Boarding School, Man.	8,276.48
"Lucy Baker" Girls' School Home, Prince Albert, Sask.	1,744.42
"Hugh Waddell" Hospital, Canora, Sask.	10,836.81
Girls' School Home, Canora	4,861.20
Boys' and Girls' School Homes, Vegreville, Alta.	16,529.77
"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.	7,760.35
Chinese Mission, Victoria, B.C.	2,507.60
Total National Repayment to the United Church	$58,515.17

Deducted from this amount are the Government grants to the Indian Schools and the refund from the pupils' board, etc., from the Vegreville School Homes amounting to $7,031.82, leaving our repayment $51,483.35.

This amount includes the maintenance of these fields for the first three months of 1927, which has been allowed for in our estimates for 1927.

Total repayment—Overseas	$31,793.75
" " —National	51,483.35
Total amount repaid to United Church	$83,277.10

Repayment of this amount has been made to the United Church from funds we had on hand and we can now consider that those fields have always been ours.

Council—Confederation

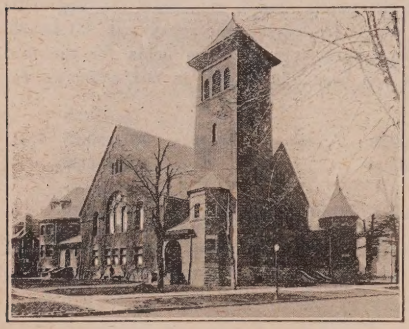
"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

THE Council meeting of 1927, held in the beautiful city of Windsor, from May 25th to 28th, will ever stand out in our memory. It was in every sense a "Confederation" Council. We felt it in the Church with the flags and the insignia, and the programme with its touch of blue and gold. It sounded through the speeches and it echoed in the praise, and our prayer was that "God, who had poured His blessings on us in the past, would grant us His guidance in the future that we may prove worthy of the wonderful heritage that has been handed down to us and of the great destiny that lies before us."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where the Council met, has the proud distinction of having the largest membership in Canada—1,600—and we were glad indeed to have the minister, Rev. H. M. Paulin, lead

the devotions in the first large public meeting which, in keeping with Confederation, had as its topic, "National Missions."

A signal honor was conferred on this gathering by the presence of Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who brought in person his greeting and benediction. This he did "because of the great work the Society has accomplished for Christ, and the creditable way it came through the disruption." "The best the ministers can do for you is," he said, "all too meagre." "We look to you as an ally. Because of the amazing growth of your Society there are those who fear that the ally may become the sole missionary agency of the Church. Of that I have no fear, rather do I believe, your activities will provoke congregational missionary societies to good work. I have read your report. I know some of the work your Field Secretaries have been doing and I have heard of the value of the W.M.S. in the crisis in our Church." Dr. MacGillivray expressed the hope that we would not forget that it was a missionary Church that made the country truly great and if we would redouble our sacrificial zeal and energy, we would be worthy that Church of such noble traditions and history which still has a special missionary contribution to make to Canada and the regions beyond.



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINDSOR, ONT., WHERE THE COUNCIL WAS HELD

A notable feature was the presence on the platform of Mrs. A. G. Wilson, of Detroit, who represented the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, and brought greetings to the Council from the Presbyterians from Porto Rico to Alaska. She also bore messages of good will from their national missions—their women being part of the great Board of National Missions of the United States and work with the men—also greetings and a "God bless you" from their women gathered in California. She closed with good wishes for the sixtieth anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and expressed the hope that the friendly relations now existing between the two countries may long continue.

"Canada from Sea to Sea" brought great messages from Mrs. L. A. Moore of Halifax, President of the W.M.S. (Eastern Division), and Mrs.

W. J. White, of Vancouver, and "The Church and the West Sixty Years After", by Rev. W. A. Cameron of Saskatoon, gave a word picture of the building and rebuilding of our Church that none who heard will ever forget. These three historical addresses are being printed as a booklet, the data they contain being considered invaluable not only for Confederation but for future reference.

The President's address, a great feature in all gatherings, appears in full in this issue. It was delivered by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, who presided over all sessions. Seated beside her was Mrs. L. A. Moore, President of the W.M.S. (Eastern Division) who had been officially welcomed and invited to sit with the President throughout the meetings.

The devotional services stand out as a trinity of sacred memories. First, the Prayer Service in the morning hour, in the upper room, where, before the business of the Council began, every heart communed with a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. The second, the sessional devotions when representatives from each province, in turn, offered to God the prayer of the people. The third, the quiet hour at noontide with its heart searching message on the "Test of Discipleship," so rich with guide posts to service and full living. Like a golden cord binding them all was

A Service of Remembrance

TINGED with sadness but redolent in memories was the Service of Remembrance. It was a gathering for those we loved. It was a company of friends. With silence as its benediction we prayed, and all who were bereaved were held in recollection. Then, with a full heart and a knowledge born of years of intercourse, Miss Dickson spoke to us of her friend and colleague, our late beloved missionary, Miss Agnes Jean Dulmage. She told us of her genius for friendship and the unstinting way she gave herself for others, the love in which she was held by pupils and teachers, her deep affection for the Chinese, whose admirable qualities she was quick to see and with whose faults she was ever patient, and we learned that the secret of her ministry lay in her dependence upon God in every detail of life. "She is with God" we said, but the influence of her radiant life will never die but lives on in China and in Canada.

With hearts burning within us Mrs. Horne reverently turned our thoughts to affectionate remembrance of others who had served with us in the Great Cause to whom had come the Master's call to lay down their work, with special reference to Mrs. John Thorburn of Ottawa and Mrs. Robert Ross of Toronto. Mrs. Horne's first recollection of Mrs. Thorburn dated back to the time when, as a little girl she went with her mother to the annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. An indelible memory of that gathering was the personality of Mrs. Thorburn as she

took part in these meetings. Keen, alert, eager, full of enthusiasm and high courage, her voice was frequently heard in discussions and plans for the work. Mrs. Thorburn was the first President of Ottawa Presbyterial and to her fell the honor of originating the Scattered Helpers which did so much to conserve the interest in missions among the women whose service was limited to the confines of their own homes. During the long years of her busy life—for she lived to be 91—her interest never waned. We loved Mrs. Thorburn for herself, we loved her for the work she did and the leadership she gave.

Another empty place is that of Mrs. Robert Ross, our fourth Vice-President, and one of our Secretaries for Overseas. Mrs. Ross' first missionary service was in Mission Band and Auxiliary work in Uxbridge and Lindsay, then as President of the Lindsay Presbyterial. On coming to Toronto she became a member of the W.F.M.S. Board, of which she was Secretary for Honan, and endeared herself to all the W.M.S. workers in that field. She served many years quietly, faithfully and efficiently—a worker that needed not to be ashamed, a steward faithful to her trust. Her life and service though quiet and unobtrusive was far reaching, and eternity alone will reveal how many lives her influence and example led into missionary service.

The monument we would erect to these dear and honored fellow-workers is our reconsecrated life and love in the service of the Lord they loved and served, and our triumph song for our beloved dead is none other than the song of the saints who with clearer sight do sing with one accord:

A soul released from prison
Is risen, is risen
Is risen to the glory of the Lord

In every great gathering there are always some things that come very close to one's heart and the bringing to the platform of a little baby, "Joy Lucille", infant daughter of Rev. D. E. and Mrs. Macdonald, of India, to receive a Life Membership certificate and pin, the gift of the Council, was one. Mrs. Dill made the presentation and Mrs. Vanstone clasped the pin on the little jacket of our youngest Life Member.

Then there was the message of the charming young Chinese mother with its earnest appreciation of what the gospel of Jesus Christ had meant to her and her husband and little family—a tangible proof of the efficacy of our work for the Orientals in Canada.

That missionaries are born, not made, we felt to be true when Gordon Taylor rose to speak. There he stood, a young student of Queen's, his final examinations passed but his youth preventing graduation. In his desire to help the Chinese he has learned not only to speak but to write their language. His message, however, was of the Student Volunteer

Movement and the Missionary Association at Queen's, ninety per cent. of whose members, both men and women, give their holiday time to missionary work. He sought our prayers for the work of this Association and our sympathy with the young people who carry a heavy load of blame on their shoulders for their natural spirit of frank enquiry.

The last speaker took us to a small church in the north of Ireland and showed us a little girl, with wide-eyed interest listening to a missionary from India. Later we saw the same little girl representing India at a Sunday School pageant. At sixteen she decided to become a foreign missionary, and later wished to go—to China. And there before us she stood—our nurse designate to India—Miss Isabel McConnell!

Conditions among the natives of India and of British Guiana were graphically told and shown on Overseas Night in an address and two lantern lectures. The speakers on British Guiana were Rev. F. G. Vesey and Mrs. McKerroll, members of the recent delegation appointed to visit that field.

Mr. Vesey stressed the need for better churches and schools. "I never was ashamed," he said, "of the Presbyterian Church until I saw the schools in British Guiana. Weather conditions have to be faced but repairs and painting would do wonders and would not entail a large expenditure. The Church's policy of retrenchment is largely responsible for these conditions." Mr. Vesey was loud in his praise of the missionaries who have done such splendid work under such adverse conditions and in such an unhealthful climate. The colony is below ocean level and is protected by a sea wall and the climate is consequently damp and fever-inspiring. "Christianity," the speaker said, "is making its effect strongly felt and special attention is being paid to the education of the children of whom some 4,000 are in the schools." Mr. Vesey felt that no mistake was made in sending the deputation and quoted the statement of one of the native preachers, "I see in the coming of this delegation the finger of God."

Mrs. McKerroll displayed the slides of pictures she had taken while on the trip through the colony. They showed the life and habits of the people, their homes and primitive methods of work. There were also views of Georgetown and New Amsterdam, both beautiful cities. These pictures were the more appreciated because of the curios which Mrs. McKerroll had brought back and had on display in the lecture hall.

The lecture on India, given by our beloved Miss Robson, was a gripping story of the work being done among the Bhils. The slides also held much of interest for the student of world conditions as well as for those interested in missions. In both fields the work is among Mohammedans and all three speakers referred to the difficulty of winning these people to Christianity.

Rev. W. Moore, minister of Knox Church, conducted the devotions,

and our missionaries from India, South China and Korea were officially welcomed.

Great enthusiasm attended Young People's Night when, before a capacity audience, gathered in the Sunday School Hall, the members of Knox Church Auxiliary and the young people of St. Andrew's presented a patriotic and missionary pageant depicting the Coming of Age of Miss Canada and the Six Decades of the W.M.S. This pageant was written especially for the Council by three Toronto women, Mrs. A. J. Cherry, Mrs. J. W. Dill and Miss Murial Gray, the prologue, by Mrs. Cherry, later taking first prize in an all Canada competition by the *Edmonton*

Members of Knox Church, Windsor, who portrayed a meeting of the Board of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society in 1876, (the Society being then three years old), at the Historical Pageant at the Council meeting in Windsor.

Reading from left to right:—Mrs. Elliot Brown representing Mrs. Dunmore; Mrs. J. M. Brown representing Mrs. Robt. Campbell; Mrs. Donald McLennan representing the President, Mrs. John Redpath; Mrs. J. P. Band representing Mrs. Davidson; Mrs. L. B. Tape representing the Treasurer, Miss Henderson.

Journal. The pageant in its entirety is a wonderful contribution to our Church and country and we hope it will be widely used. Price 10c.

The announcement of the fields assigned us by the Commission created great interest. Mrs. Strachan reported those Overseas, and Mrs. Poole, the National Missions. The official statement appears on page 244.

Possibly one of the most helpful hours was that devoted to the asking and answering of questions. It was a veritable clearing house of

difficulties and problems. Ample time had been reserved for it, and in the counsel of many there was wisdom. Mrs. Horne was in charge and answered practical questions regarding Provincial, Presbyterial and other matters, the Secretaries dealt with those touching on their departments.

Saturday morning held various interests: business; expressions of appreciation of the kindness of hostesses, church officials, musicians, the Essex Automobile Club for a delightful drive, the Editor of the *Border Cities Star* for his unprecedented generosity in providing complimentary copies of the paper for all delegates, and all others who contributed to the success of the Council. Mrs. Moore presented to the President from her Executive a copy of the Eastern Division Jubilee Book which was received, and thanks sent to the Executive (E.D.) for enabling their President to attend. An earnest installation prayer for the Council Executive was offered by Mrs. Stewart of Appleton. Round the three words "Here Am I" Mrs. MacDonald of Brandon wove the beautiful thought, that life received *from* God, yielded *to* God, lived *for* God, must issue in service, for by our service to our fellow-men we best prove our loyalty to our Lord. Our Confederation Year Council closed with thanksgiving, benediction and the National prayer song, so soon to ring from end to end end of Canada:

"Our loved Dominion bless
With peace and happiness
From shore to shore;
And let our Empire be
United, loyal, free,
True to herself and Thee
For evermore." M.C.G.F.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Organization

IN the regrettable absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, Miss Reid, presented Miss MacMurchy's message. It was one of optimism, based on the belief that the organization of the W.M.S. in the Church is just beginning its usefulness in many places and that, under the continued blessing of God, it is destined to go wide and far. She cautioned the members to remember that in all their activities for the special work of the Society they should not lose sight of the fact that the work of the Church and the Society are dependent on each other; loyalty to both brings the best results. Provincials were urged still to plan assistance for Minority Groups through their Presbyterials. These Groups are often held together through the organization of an Auxiliary, and sometimes indeed, establish regular services. The determination of new officers to become thoroughly acquainted with their duties was evident in the correctness and completeness of the reports, and the excellent

time in which they arrived. This was commended. The closing appeal was: "In all meetings, feature mission study and devotional themes which are the foundation of all permanent work."

The statistical columns show the following interesting totals: 6 Provincials; 38 Presbyterials; 701 Auxiliaries, 178 Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups; 395 Bands; 31 Associate Societies; Total membership 41,533, including 6,888 Home Helpers; average contribution per member, $3.82.

Home Helpers

Mrs. Logie reported with justifiable pride a very substantial increase both in membership and givings. She likened the W.M.S. to an army, the Home Helpers to the recruiting ground from which it expects to draw recruits to be in training for the front ranks when needed. Already hundreds of Home Helpers have joined the ranks of the active membership and are rendering a willing service in the cause of missions. The lack of a Home Helper department in the Auxiliary may mean that many good and useful lives may remain untouched, and much useful talent be lying dormant among the young women, mothers and business women, and much interest be lost to our W.M.S.

Young Women's Auxiliaries

The foundations of this work were well laid and the structure is rising to worthy proportions, each Province adding its share of strength and beauty to the building. The total addition, including Associate Societies, is 16, British Columbia having added 2, Manitoba 4, Ontario 5, Quebec 5. The Secretary, Mrs. Poole, urged the older women to take a deeper interest in the young women in our Church, and get them linked up with one of the missionary societies. "The young people in our midst have been entrusted to our care. May it never be said of any W.M.S. woman 'She was so busy here and there she had no time or thought for the young people—and they are gone'—gone past the time when we might have interested them or gone from our midst altogether."

C.G.I.T.

Comparisons are interesting and the one Miss Gray presented was especially so. It showed that, in 1925, 1,103 girls were affiliated with the W.M.S., as against 1,791 in 1926, an increase of 678 members, with a corresponding increase in organizations, supplies and offerings. This advance and the certainty of a further one is due to the activities of our new Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Edith Sinclair. Her work has been largely in Ontario, since here is the centre of the National Girls' Work Board. However, from now on the other provinces will be visited in turn and a corresponding increase is expected.

Certain disappointing facts are the numbers of organizations in our

Church which are not linked up with the missionary interests, and the discrepancy between the 10,000 Mission Band members, the 20,000 Auxiliary members and the 1,791 teen age girls—our future recruits. The only solution is, for every woman to feel a personal responsibility for getting in touch with whatever form of teen age organization exists in her Church and to encourage some form of missionary programme. The young people are not difficult to reach or indifferent to the spiritual appeal. Interest them in the *Glad Tidings* which now devotes a special page to them. Appeal to them for assistance in the Auxiliary programme. Co-operate with them. That they are interested is proved by a poem, "Hill Tops," contributed by one of our Presbyterian girls to the Girls' Own Number of the *Torch* which is edited and furnished to the Groups by the National Girls' Work Board.

HILL TOPS

By Jessie Johnstone

Teyondonago Group, Runnymede Presbyterian Church, Toronto

I am in love with hill-top, wind-blown places,
Carpeted by soft, sweet grass,
Where low clouds pass;
At dusk where stars show their thousand faces,
And the sky is scarfed with misty laces.

I am in love with Life, the greatest gift;
Its hill-tops of Vision,
Its joys; friends it has given,
The peace of quiet moments, to cast cares adrift:
God gives us hill-tops to help us love and lift.

Miss Royce brought greetings from the National Girls' Work Board and expressed their gratification in the affiliation of the Presbyterian Church with them.

Miss Sinclair had just one theme "Girls' Work". She pictured the girl of to-day in her home, every physical need satisfied—but no religious training, and the responsibility that rested on the Church to teach her to put first things first. We may find flaws in the C.G.I.T. programme, but it remains with the ministers and W.M.S. to remedy it by training leaders in Summer School camps and training courses during the year. The girls love the C.G.I.T. programme. It is Dominion wide. It is ours. Let us use it. Girls want to serve and help and it rests with us to see that there are no weak links in the chain that binds the home to the Empire through Mission Bands, Teen-age Organizations, Y.W.A., Senior Auxiliaries and the League of Nations. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Mission Bands

The Declaration of Geneva, known now as The Children's Charter, was effectively used by Mrs. Dill in speaking to her report. It reads thus:

"By the present Declaration of the Rights of the Child, commonly known as the 'Declaration of Geneva', men and women of all nations, recognizing that Mankind owes to the Child the best that it has to give, declare and accept it as their duty that, beyond and above all considerations of race, nationality or creed:

I. The Child must be given the means requisite for its normal development, both materially and spiritually.
II. The Child that is hungry must be fed; the child that is sick must be nursed; the child that is backward must be helped; the delinquent child must be reclaimed; and the orphan and waif must be sheltered and succoured.
III. The Child must be the first to receive relief in times of distress.
IV. The Child must be put in a position to earn a livelihood and must be protected against every form of exploitation.
V. The Child must be brought up in the consciousness that its talents must be devoted to the service of its fellow-men."

Mrs. Dill went on to show that our 10,134 Mission Band members are being trained for a Children's League of Nations. Their aim is the same as suggested in the fifth clause for their service and talents are being devoted to bringing the children of the world into Christ's great army. Even the tiny tots understand that they must be loyal soldiers and be ready and willing to defend and help others under Christ's banner of peace and love. "One fold, one Shepherd" is to be the motto for this year and our slogan is, "A Band for every Auxiliary." We have helped to save our Church for our children, let us see to it that we save our children for our Church, for the greatest of all Leagues, the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Field Work

In answer to an oft repeated question, "What is a Field Secretary, what are her duties?" Miss Lamont said, "As I look for an ideal Field Secretary, my mind goes back to the story of the Apostle Paul, who went throughout the provinces organizing, inspiring, uplifting and educating. Not only was his work organizing but we are told that he went back to see what they had done. This gives me a vision of the duties and wonderful possibilities of the work of a Field Secretary of a missionary society. Her duties are similar and are of equal value. The business of the Field Secretary is to tell what she knows and to get the information even to the men and boys. What we all need is a larger vision, and whenever women get the vision they are willing to work.

Miss Pelton's work in Manitoba prevented her being at the Council

and a message of loving appreciation was sent to her through her mother who was present.

Students

"Are we as W.M.S. members meeting the challenge of our young people in colleges and universities to-day?" asked Miss McEwen. Last year two eventful conferences in the student life of North America were held—The Student Christian Movement Conference in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., with 150 students from all parts of Canada, besides Board Secretaries and Faculty members, and the Conference of 3,000 American students at Milwaukee. At both these conferences students grappled with age old problems. A landmark in the missionary life of both Canadian and American students will be the Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement to be held in Detroit during the Christmas holidays. Miss McEwen urged Provincial Presidents to see that there is at least one Presbyterian student from her Provincial University present. It is an unprecedented opportunity for never again in our time will there be a Student Volunteer Conference so near our Canadian border. It is estimated that 4,430 who are definitely interested in mission study will attend. We must assist the students in their preparation for their life work whether at home or abroad because their lives will be reflected in the lives of students in other lands.

Candidate

The Candidate Secretary, Mrs. Inglis Grant, asked the members to make this department better known and to see that all applications for both National and Overseas work are sent direct to the Candidate Secretary. Last year, fully one-third came in a round about way. This means loss of time, and time, one has told us, is the most expensive thing in the world. The list of candidates, to date, numbers seventy-five, which is more than twice the number received in recent years under the old order of things. The majority wanted to serve in Canada. A few were interviewed personally. Sixty were widely scattered correspondents. Applications were received from Presbyterian young women from India, China, Scotland, from California, Florida and other places in the United States, and from sea to sea across our own country. We have some candidates to help take care of the needs of our School Homes and Indian Boarding Schools for the year. We still have a few nurses and are glad to announce that Miss Cuddy, who was in South Porcupine, has offered to take charge of one of our National hospitals. We are not quite so ready for Overseas calls although, since writing the Annual Report, three appointments have been made—Miss Alma Burdick, a teacher, goes to Formosa, the other two, Miss Lily Simpson and Miss Jean Cummings, nurses, will enter the Deaconess Home for a period of preparation. We are anxious to have in

the Training Home, this fall, candidates preparing to meet the needs of the years immediately ahead. Only in this way can we keep the work properly staffed. Urgent calls have come for two university graduates, one with normal training for Formosa; one for high school work in British Guiana; a kindergarten teacher with training in music for Formosa, and two nurses and a doctor for the hospital in Formosa. Dr. Wilkie, of Gwalior, is asking for a nurse or doctor, and Amkhut wants both. Another important call is from Dr. Buchanan for a teacher for the daughter of the Maharajah of Alirajpur. For some of these we have candidates. For all of them there are candidates somewhere. Will you help us find them?

Publications

Miss Parsons urged the members to read the literature prepared for them. Readers create missionary literature, and many men and women have been influenced to become missionaries through reading, for instance, Mackay of Uganda and Dr. John Scudder. Every W.M.S. worker should have a missionary kit—Containing an Annual Report, a year's file of *Glad Tidings*, free leaflets on the different departments and any leaflet that has aroused enthusiasm on the first reading.

The study books for 1927-28 will deal primarily with our National Missions and thus be in line with Confederation year. A book is being prepared for Auxiliaries, covering both our National and Overseas work. For teen-age girls the study book is "Heroes of Our Home Lands", and for Mission Bands, "Talks on the Land of the Maple."

Miss Parsons stressed the value of attractiveness in reporting a meeting to which they were sent as delegates, and supplied an acrostic taking Windsor as an example:

W Windsor Welcome. **I** Income. **N** Needs, Workers, Equipment. **D** Devotions — Discipline — Delegates. **S** Speakers — Slides, Surprises. **O** Opportunities—Outgoing Missionaries. **R** Results or Review—Remembrance.

Glad Tidings.

The Editor, Miss Fraser, made an appeal for a permanent cover for *The Glad Tidings*. She based her request on three points: In less than two years the magazine has grown from 16 to 40 pages and has, to date, over 21,000 paid subscriptions, and reports the work of 82 national and overseas workers for a Society of 41,533 members with an estimate, for the work of 1927, of $170,000. A Society with such a record of achievement, deserves and should have a magazine whose appearance would convey a better idea of the size and stability of our organization. The cover will mean a slight increase in the cost of production but its addition will give four more pages of reading matter and we hope will result in an increase of subscriptions.

Tribute was paid to the fine work of the six Provincial Press Secretaries, who each month, undertake the almost impossible task of condensing into 500 words, the W.M.S. activities of their province. The great value of the *Alberta News Bulletin*, so ably edited by Mrs. Acheson of Edmonton, was also acknowledged.

Library

Thanks to the enthusiasm and business determination of the Secretaries much work has been accomplished. The Library Secretary, Miss Pringle, urged that every Auxiliary appoint a Library Secretary who would receive and inspect all literature donated by her Auxiliary, report having such literature to her Presbyterial Library Secretary and ask for addresses to which it could be sent. The Presbyterial Secretary, in turn, may enquire of the Auxiliary Secretary if she is prepared to send certain kinds of literature to a named destination and the Secretary will arrange for a shower of books. This request may be sent to several Auxiliaries at once. In this way libraries are obtained for needy Sunday Schools. Presbyterial Secretaries should keep in touch with the Provincial Secretaries and report any calls they cannot meet. Too much cannot be said as to the quality of reading matter sent out. The old stale magazine or trashy book, both as to contents and outward appearance is not acceptable and should be given to the old paper collectors. The people appreciate good reading.

Supplies

Mrs. Fletcher referred to the handicap under which this department worked, due to the uncertainty as to where supplies might be needed. Since the decision of the Commission has become available, suggestions have been made as to the disposal of nearly all the supplies. Two points were emphasized: 1. See that allocations are accurately filled. This will require the co-operation of Auxiliaries and Presbyterials, but the chief responsibility rests on the Presbyterial Supply Secretary who packs the bales and attends to all shipping details. These are explained in the Supply Leaflet. 2. Packing. The outfit for each child should be packed in a separate parcel with age and sex plainly marked. Worn clothing should not be packed with new supplies. Acknowledgment of all supplies goes to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary. The forwarding of these acknowledgments or copies of them to the Provincial and Council Supply Secretaries would be much appreciated.

Lantern Slides

The Secretary, Mrs. Rice, asked that, for the guidance of the Secretaries and Societies wishing to use the slides, the Provincial Societies be asked to include the names of the Lantern Slide Secretaries in their list of officers. She also announced that the original plan of providing two sets of slides, one on our national work and the other on our overseas

work was not feasible at present and the two had been combined and every phase of our work touched. This set was shown during the Council.

NATIONAL MISSION WORK

School Homes

The Educational Secretary, Mrs. Strachan, stated that our largest School Home in existence had been opened in Saskatoon, but not formally dedicated. Unforseen circumstances of building have delayed the official opening until the fall when it is expected the Home will be filled with the forty girls it is equipped to accommodate. Speaking of the Homes that have come back to us, Mrs. Strachan said, "They are back where we left them when I laid down the work of the School Homes before June 10th, 1925—two Homes in Vegreville, one Home in Canora, and one in Prince Albert. We may not continue the Home in Canora as we have no Church there. In Prince Albert we have a Church, and in Vegreville service will be provided in a little school house on our property which will accommodate 40 or 50 children, our hospital staff and those in Vegreville who wish to attend a Presbyterian service. Mrs. Strachan expressed the hope that the School Homes will be blessed in the future as they were in the past, by Christ Himself who was and is the friend of little children.

Hospitals

The "Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital" Canora, Sask., and the "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta., are again under our jurisdiction. Both these institutions are self-supporting, with the exception of the salaries of the Superintendent and five nurses at Canora and the Superintendent, Miss MacPherson, and three nurses at Vegreville, which we pay. Miss Pringle further stated that the South Porcupine Hospital, also self-supporting, has supplied a long felt want in that mining district, and is a great assistance to the doctors, especially in surgical and maternity cases. The Hospital Unit at McMurray, Alta., has fully justified its establishment and been a boon to the women of the district. Miss Ross, the Superintendent, occupies the fourfold position of doctor, nurse, Sabbath School teacher and entertainer. She can count only half a dozen places in which she has not tried to help the people, so it looks as if they were fully appreciating a nurse.

Indian Work

Mrs. Strachan reported that we have now taken over the management of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Boarding School, at Lake of the Woods, Ont., and the Indian Boarding School at Birtle, Man. Previous to 1925, our Church paid part of the salary of the principals of these schools. This meant dual control and was never satisfactory. In

March, 1927, the Board of Missions agreed, by vote, that all Indian Boarding Schools should be under the direct management of the W.M.S. and that we should become responsible for their support over and above the Government grant, all Reserve work to be under the care of the Church. We, as formerly, stand ready to help. The Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa and the Indian Agents on the Reserves have cordially welcomed us and offer to do all in their power to facilitate the management of the Schools and help in every way.

Welcome and Welfare

Mrs. McMullen paid just tribute to Mrs. Horne's work in establishing and re-organizing this department, and to the individual workers who bravely and faithfully carry on their work at the different points. The three branches of this Department—Social Service, Welcome and Welfare, and Deaconess work—may be summed up in one word, Service —a service born of a sincere desire to serve God by helping the unfortunate and less privileged. It is wide as the world in its scope, near as one's next door neighbor, and resistless in power. The Welcome and Welfare workers meet the newcomers to our land with the outstretched hand of friendship. Some regard these people with condescending pity. We should salute them for their courage. Some see only the shawled head, the clumsy, odd-cut clothing, others vision the contribution they may make to our country and our Church and see, even in the sleeping babies, possible preachers, teachers, poets, painters, inventors, nation builders. To the Welcome and Welfare worker is committed a truly great task.

Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

The claims of the Home were presented by Miss Ferguson, the Superintendent. In 1926, there was one student in training, in 1927 they had nine, and the prospects for 1928 are most encouraging. Three of the students are, for the summer months, working under the W.M.S., Miss Ramsay at Toronto, Miss McLean at Brandon, and Miss Crawford at Sudbury. Because of the necessity of sending out, at this time, efficiently trained missionaries and deaconesses, a two years' training course has been arranged. The majority of the lectures are given at Knox College, the practical experience is provided in the churches and various institutions of the city. Valuable short courses are available through the School of Missions, to which we as a Society contribute. The Home is also the meeting place for the returned missionary, the newly accepted candidate and the student in training. Miss Ferguson appealed to the women of the east and the west to send students, to give them a bursary or scholarship and to promote the growth of the Deaconess Home by their interest and prayers. There is no department

of the Church's activities so distinctively an index of the Church's life than institutions filled with young enthusiastic students, training that they may be worthy to carry on the King's business.

Church Extension

At Saskatoon we asked the Council to make a grant of $1,200 to the Church Extension fund. This, Mrs. Strachan stated, was done. This year we offered our Church the services of three of our students in training, for the summer months, and Miss Crawford is now serving under the Church in Sudbury, Miss McLean in Brandon and Miss Ramsay at Toronto under the Toronto Presbytery. The feeling of the Council Executive is that next year we might make a direct grant for Church Extension work, to the Treasurer of our Church, this sum to be included in our estimates.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

Facts amply justify the statement of the Secretary, Mrs. Hanna, that, "The work of this department has given good cause for encouragement." As our Church has no mission in South China at present, it is making a special effort to minister to the Chinese in Canada, for our missionaries tell us that many Chinese who learned of Jesus while in Canada, are in China to-day bearing splendid testimony to the saving power of the gospel. There are over 700 Chinese women in Canada. The majority are in the cities, but many live in smaller places. These lonely women do not know our language, and Mrs. Hanna bespoke our interest and sympathy on their behalf. "Kindness to them or their children is a language they can understand."

Opportunities for wider service have come to three of our workers. Miss Dickson has been invited to spend a week-end in Hamilton once a month and minister to the Chinese there. Miss Reid, of Montreal, has had a similar offer in Ottawa. She has also started a class for 14 women in Montreal and a primary class for 14 children with Miss Hattie Jue in charge. Miss Lawrence, of Vancouver, has organized a Mission Band and at the fortnightly meeting she tells Bible stories with lantern views which attracts the older girls. The Secretary asked that we put these people and our splendid band of workers on our prayer list.

A gift of money from a lady in Hamilton and her Bible class, given in memory of Miss Dulmage, is to be used for literature for the Chinese work in Canada.

Persians in Canada

The mission at North Battleford, Sask., has been a great comfort to these refugees from Turkish war atrocities. The missionary is Rev.

E. O. Eshoo, a Persian. At the last Communion service fifty were present and twenty-two partook of the Communion. Mrs. Hanna further stated that, besides meeting their assumed responsibility of $120 to our Society, they gave a liberal contribution to the Minority Group in whose hall they worship.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

Formosa

Mrs. Calvin, the Secretary, referred first to the "Mackay Memorial Hospital," because the first gift of money to that hospital building fund came from Captain and Mrs. Mackay, of Windsor, an expression of their interest in our great pioneer missionary of their own name. That hospital, closed for some years for lack of workers, was in January, 1925, reopened under Dr. Gushue Taylor, who had been given two doctors to assist him and two extra nurses. The General Board of Missions sent one doctor and our W.M.S. sent the nurses, and accepted Dr. Flora Gauld's offer of service for a short term. These extra salaries had not been in our estimates, but the call was urgent and the money was found. The hospital has remained open, but a month ago we feared Dr. Taylor was soon to be left to carry on the work alone. The second medical man is leaving very shortly, and Dr. Flora Gauld returned to Canada in March to be married. On May 23rd, our hearts were cheered by the news that a medical man of long experience under the China Inland Mission had been appointed to help Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Jessie MacBean may also be led to Formosa. It is interesting to know that a clinic for lepers is being held every Saturday morning at the hospital, that the number of leper patients being cared for has increased in a year from 48 to 118, and that many cases have improved greatly under the treatment.

The Girls' School at Tamsui is now competing with many excellent Japanese schools on the island, and that its present high standard may be maintained Miss Kinney urges the appointment of a Japanese lady principal. This would leave our missionary teacher freer to develop the purely Christian side of her work. Last year she reported that the nine girls who graduated were all Church members. The Council Executive approved of Miss Kinney's suggestion, and steps are being taken to find the suitable Japanese lady to undertake the administrative work in our Girls' School.

One other educational door stands wide open for us, kindergarten work. Miss Hotson began this work, but has been obliged through ill-health to resign. During her absence on furlough some young native girls have carried on with what little training they had been able to pick up before she left. Think what an inspiration Miss Ada Adams

will be to them, when she goes out in September! She is a graduate of the Kindergarten Training School at Oberlin, Ohio, and has learned to work with whatever simple materials come to her hand, rather than be dependent upon elaborate paraphernalia. Better still, as Miss Adams was born in China, the daughter of a medical missionary, and received her early and high school education there, she has already a Chinese background and knows something of the Mandarin dialect. With Miss Adams goes Miss Alma Burdick, an experienced teacher. Her heart's desire is to be an evangelist, but she will gladly help with the teaching of the missionaries' children until she gets the language.

India

The two definite areas in which our work now lies are the Bhil field and Gwalior. The former has been called an "Island of Happiness in the Jungle," the latter is a thickly populated native state with our missionary centre at Jhansi, a military town of some 75,000 inhabitants, where the missionaries come in contact with all the religions and castes. Mrs. McMurrich here paid tribute to the valuable help she had received from Miss Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald and from Dr. Wilkie's letters. Miss McConnell, a nurse, and Miss Williamson, a teacher, leave for India in September. We still need a nurse for Amkhut, as we expect Miss McConnell to assist Dr. and Mrs. Maitland at Jobat. Miss Simpson, of Weyburn, Sask., a nurse, goes to Gwalior after a period in the Missionary and Deaconess Home. Both Miss McConnell and Miss Williamson found the course in phonetics at the Canadian School of Missions most helpful, as did Miss Robson who knows the language. Our W.M.S. is now affiliated with the United Christian Council of India. The value of this connection to our missionaries and those of other denominations was made very clear to us after hearing Miss Gordon, one of its gifted Secretaries, describe the work attempted and accomplished by this Council. While endorsing the policy that our existing fields be fully staffed and properly equipped before starting new work, Mrs. McMurrich feels our work in India will not be rounded out until we have commenced work among the Moslems in Gwalior and adjoining the Northern Bhil District.

South China

Mrs. Strachan, Convener of the Overseas Committee, reported that our work in South China, as it was formerly constituted, is no longer with us, but there was an agreement entered into—known as a gentlemen's agreement—to the effect that we might work in the unoccupied areas in South China. We have Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss Agnes Dickson, Miss Ethel Reid, and Miss Luella Crockett whom we consider as our South China missionaries. At the present time there is no chance of either occupied or unoccupied areas being worked, but Dr. MacBean,

who is now in Britain taking post-graduate work, hopes to return to Hackett Medical College, Canton, in the fall. Should that door be closed, Dr. MacBean has volunteered to go to the "Mackay Memorial Hospital" Tamsui, Formosa, until such time as Hackett Medical College is open to her. This is a matter for great gratitude.

North China

Miss Gowans, the Secretary, spoke with knowledge of China having spent thirty-two years there as a missionary. She paid great tribute to the splendid service of our workers, Miss Graham and Miss Cook, and told of appeals for us to take up work in a territory as large as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, which is without a missionary.

British Guiana

While not wishing to see any curtailment in our work in India, China, Japan or Formosa, the Secretary, Mrs. Rice, made an earnest appeal to Auxiliaries, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands, and all interested in our missions, to help provide better buildings, more of the comforts of life for the missionaries and helpers, and books and pictures for the catechists and schools of British Guiana, which, because of the bond of Empire, has a special interest for us.

Japan

Mrs. McMurrich referred to the valuable work being done by Dr. Caroline Macdonald among the factory girls in Tokyo, to which we give an annual grant of $2,000. This work is growing amazingly and is attracting the interest of labor leaders. Further work opening up in Japan is among the thousands of Korean girls who have come to Japan to work in factories, Korean labor being cheaper than Japanese. Many of these girls may have known our Presbyterian Church and be missing it. Mrs. McMurrich asked that we give this work our prayerful thought so that when the way opens for us to expand this will be our first obligation.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Attendance. There were 95 delegates present, 74 from the Provinces and 21 from the Council Executive. Each Province sent its full quota: Alberta 9; British Columbia 10; Manitoba 8; Ontario 30; Quebec 8; Saskatchewan 9. These with visitors and speakers made a total of 108.

Meetings of Council. Notice of motion is hereby given for the consideration of a less frequent meeting of the Council. This matter to be sent down to the Provinciol Societies for consideration and discussed at the Council Meeting in 1928.

Grants to Provincials. Agreed that the Council Executive arrange

for a grant to be used when necessary to defray the expenses of delegates to Presbyterial Annual and Executive meetings, this to apply only when branches are few and distances great. Provincial Executives to make the recommendations for such grants.

Church Extension. Agreed, that, in 1928, instead of special grants to individual churches, a specified sum be included in our estimates to be handed over to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

''Glad Tidings.'' The Council authorized a cover being placed on the organ of the Society, *The Glad Tidings.*

Constitution. There were certain verbal additions and explanatory notes. On p. 146, XXI, footnote added: ''Where the representation is considered too large, any Presbyterial may define how many officers from each branch are desired as delegates. The usual year's notice of motion requires to be given for any such change.''

P. 147, XXXII, heading to read: ''Canadian Girls in Training or Other Teen-age Organizations.''

P. 147, Sec. XXXII. After ''Society'' add: ''or Young Women's Associated Society.''

P. 162, XX (2). After ''office'' add: ''To the convener, or where there is no convener.''

Deputation to Overseas Mission Fields. It was agreed that, if possible, two members of the Council Executive be sent as a part of the Church deputation to the overseas fields.

Appeals for a school Home in Quebec, a new hospital in Vegreville, a Home for Presbyterian Girls in Winnipeg and a School Home in southwest of Saskatchewan were sympathetically received and referred to the Council Executive.

Advisory Committees. The list of names as nominated by the various Provincials was ratified by the Council. It was agreed that the former procedure of granting $200 for the necessary travelling and other expenses of Provincial Advisory Committees be again made active.

Message to Missionaries. The Council authorized a message of love and greeting to all our missionary staff. Council also sent a cordial message through Mrs. W. G. Brown, to Mr. Johnson who is in charge of the Sunday School van in Saskatchewan. Our interest in this work is shown by our placing a room in the Saskatchewan School Home at his disposal for literature supplies.

Council Meeting for 1928. Again this year an invitation was received from British Columbia to hold the Council in Vancouver. Ottawa also extended an invitation. The decision was made to go to Vancouver and the vote was made unanimous. The delegates, as at Saskatoon, will be expected to do deputation work after the Council.

Girls' Work. Agreed, that each Presbyterial be asked to make a survey of all organized groups of girls in their bounds—such as C.G.I.T., Girl Guides, organized Sunday School Classes, Clubs, etc.—and see if they are affiliated with the W.M.S. and registered with their denominational Secretary.

Kenya Colony, Africa. A request to assist the Scottish Church in this mission was received and referred to the Council Executive to be filed with the many previous appeals.

Workers' Badge. Agreed, that the Council Executive consider the question of some distinguishing badge for Welcome and Welfare workers.

Officers. The officers of the Council Executive for 1927-8 appear on the inside cover page of this issue of *Glad Tidings.*

RESOLUTIONS

That we, the General Council of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, here assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., at the 63rd annual meeting, humbly acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for His all-wise guidance, and loving care in bringing us through such a successful year; and that we reaffirm our belief in the sovereignty of God; in the infallibility of the Bible; and in the doctrine of our Church as set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

That at this, the highest court of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, now in session in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., we express through His Excellency, the Governor-General, our continued loyalty to His Gracious Majesty, King George, and to this our beloved Canada, His Majesty's greatest "Dominion beyond the seas."

As Canadians, we would desire to place on record our deep thanks to Almighty God in permitting us, as a nation, to celebrate this year the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

With thanksgiving also we recall that historic incident, and appreciate the national spiritual insight of the late Sir Leonard Tilley on his suggestion, which later resulted in the title of the New Confederacy, Ps. 72:8. "He shall have dominion also from seas to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

That we place on record our heartfelt thanks to the Council Executive for the splendid service that has been rendered in the difficult and trying situations of the past year. We wish to reaffirm our sympathy, confidence, and loyalty to these our officers who carry on for us during the year.

That our gratitude be expressed to all missionaries and others engaged in serving our W.M.S., for faithful work done during the past year; with special mention of our missionaries home on furlough, who have so freely spent themselves in speaking to Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and Provincials. And to those who remained loyal to our Church, carrying on the work of our W.M.S. in their several fields we express our deep sense of gratitude, and sincere thanks.

To those of our membership who have suffered bereavement during the past year; to Miss Agnes Dickson and Miss Ethel Reid, our beloved missionaries, who have each suffered the loss of a loved parent, we would

extend our tenderest sympathy, and earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may be their solace.

That we earnestly pray for greater endeavor amongst our membership to keep holy the Sabbath Day. The encroachment of the world upon the Lord's Day is becoming a grave menace in many of our large cities. May our membership be ever vigilant to retain one whole day in seven for God's worship.

That the Council members all over the Dominion, go on record as deploring the growth of the liquor traffic; and that they would endorse all legitimate means to bring about total prohibition.

That we earnestly solicit the co-operation of our women, on behalf of the children and youth of our church, that these young people may be more thoroughly taught the word of God; that memorizing of Scripture and the Shorter Catechism be encouraged; and that the polity of our Church may be frequently brought before them—to the end that the coming generation may be truly loyal to the Faith of our Fathers.

That we express our keen appreciation to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for their continued services to the cause of missions which enables us to more efficiently carry on our work.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

"Moslem Women," Chapter V., VI.

Hymn.—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." *Prayer.*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 235.) *Scripture.*—Malachi III. *Minutes. Business. Study Topic.*—"The Power of the Gospel Exemplified" and " Story of Cheer from Eight Moslem Countries, The Challenge." (see suggestions). *Hymn.*—"O Zion Haste." *Season of Silent Prayer. Leader.*—reads last par. pp. 263 and Isaiah 40:9. *Hymn.*—"Lord for While All Mankind We Pray." *National Anthem.*

Suggestions

Have a meeting of World Federation of Christian women. Let President tell of hopes of a World Federation of Christian women; of the observance of the World Day of Prayer in March, 1927; then welcome the Christian women from Moslem Lands. Have women in costume impersonate delegates and tell their life story or that of a friend. Arabia—A Secret Believer, pp. 222-3, John 3:16. Egypt—Suffering Persecution, pp. 229-31, Acts 5:41. India—A Princess Follower, pp. 233-4, Phil. 3:7,8. Persia—Evidences of a Life, pp. 240-43, Col. 1:11-13. Tunis.—A Conquering Faith, pp. 245-7, Rom. 8: 35, 37 Nigeria—First Fruits, pp. 252-3, Jer. 15:16. The Challenge, pp. 258-9. As each closes, the presiding officers should read the Bible reference. This programme provides material for two meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Summer School at Toran Mall

Miss Bertha Robson, Amkhut, India

"WHO wants to go to Toran Mall this year?" "Me!" "me!" "me!" the Bhil pronoun sounds very like the English. From big to little they all want to go but the little ones know their time has not yet come; Toran Mall is only for those who are big enough and strong enough to walk on their own feet the seventy miles of jungle path over mountains and through rivers and sandy river beds. Anxious friends must try to discourage those who may be going for the first time. "You can't cross the Narbada, its current will sweep you away," or "you can't climb the hills across the river, they are so high that if you look up at the top of them you will fall over backward." "You'll be thirsty and the sand will burn your feet." But if Jifi has said they may go, the matter is settled and what fears they may have of the journey are tucked bravely away in their own little hearts.

Preparations go on apace. The whirr-r-r of the mill is never silent for the wheat must be ground for the journey, enough to last at least four days. Little bags must be made to carry that flour, for every boy and girl will have to help carry the provisions for the way, in addition to plate, clothes and blanket. Stout of heart and strong of limb must be he who would go to the Summer School at Toran Mall—the Jerusalem of the Bhils.

Beautiful is that hill in the Satpuras! Over 3,500 feet high at lake level, for there is a delightful lake on its summit, partly natural, partly artificial, where in the long ago a great "Band" had been built to raise the level of its waters, and now huge banyan trees create a shade along its shore where the breeze is always cool. Rumour tells two stories, one that the lake has no bottom, and the other that a golden temple is submerged in its waters. The shining paths of setting stars reflected on the quiet surface may have made the Bhils dream dreams of temples of gold, who knows?

Examinations over, the last ounce of wheat ground, the bundles tied up, salt and pepper not forgotten, and the little army leaves Amkhut at daybreak. Laughter and song, stumbles and tears, heat by day and cold by night, fear of deep waters and wild animals, the leader's gay "come on" and the last man's encouraging "chalo" all go into the story of the

four days' march, but a swim in the clear cool waters of the lake, a long sleep on the ground in the grateful shade, and the weariness of the way is forgotten.

Two days are allowed to rest, clean up and build homes and school. And such houses! The most perfectly planned summer cottage could never compare with a little grass house under a "karumda" bush. Perhaps you have built a playhouse in a clump of cedar trees. Then you know how the boys begin, but the karumda bushes have both fruit and thorns. Bothersome branches are cut away, and the "cave" lined with the clean, coarse, white grass, for which Toran Mall is noted. A finer white grass is spread for a carpet and the "nest" is finished, big enough for two or three chums to eat, sleep and study together.

Next the school, big enough for thirty or forty children, the low karumda bushes will never do, but the great pillars of the banyan trees were surely set in a semicircle for this very purpose, and the next evening sees the school of the grove complete, with thick grass walls to keep out the cold from the lake, and open towards the rising sun.

Morning prayers begin at a quarter after six and, following a time honored custom, they are family prayers, the family consisting of every missionary and every Christian Bhil on Toran Mall, whether teacher, artisan, servant, or child, and, attracted by the singing, the non-Christian Bhil will often "drop in" or the women passing with their baskets to the jhinga fishing in the lake, will linger as they pass to see and hear the strange doings of these other Bhils who once must have been "monkey people" just like themselves.

An hour for morning chores and breakfast, then regular classes go on from eight o'clock until twelve. Bible study is always the chief subject on the curriculum, but there are special classes also in English, history and arithmetic.

The afternoon is spent in both work and play—gathering wood, grinding grain, helping in building operations, and an hour in the lake just at sunset. The last time we were there, the good fairy that lives in the golden twilight had stirred up an old hollowed out trunk of a tree that had once been a boat—the Buchanan family might tell the history of its youth—and set it floating again and the splashes and the shrieks that echoed over the lake as it rolled over and over, taking the laughing girls with it, can not be recorded on paper.

Too soon those happy six weeks come to an end, a threatening mist hangs over the lake in the mornings, telling that the rains are drawing near. The Narbada lies between Toran Mall and home and it must be crossed before the rains break!

Pack up! Good-bye Toran Mall! Quick march! Welcome Amkhut!

Hymn.—"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." *Bible Lesson.*—Psalm 120 (read responsively). *Sentence Prayers.*—(remembering especially our dear homeland). *Hymn.*—"Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead us." *Roll Call. Minutes. Our Motto.*—"One Fold, One Shepherd."

Important Announcement.—Our new study will be, "The Maple Leaf in Canada," which will be very appropriate in this Jubilee year. Impress upon your members that they will have the privilege of getting better acquainted with the boys and girls in our dear homeland. The story in this issue, written for us by Miss Robson, should prove most interesting. *Offering and prayer. Closing hymn.*—"From Ocean Unto Ocean."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. McQUEEN and Mrs. Buckham visited the Vegreville Hospital and schools recently, with a view to seeing present conditions, in order to report to the general council at the meeting in Windsor.

Great preparations are being made for a fitting celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the coming to Edmonton, of Rev. Dr. McQueen. Arrangements are being made for a reception on Saturday, June 25th; special church services, June 26th; and a banquet at the Macdonald, June 27th. Rev. Dr. Baird, of Winnipeg, who was the first minister in Edmonton, and in charge when Dr. McQueen came, will be the preacher on the Sunday. The value of the service Dr. McQueen has rendered, not only to the Presbyterian Church, of which he is so worthy a representative, but to the city, the province and the whole West, cannot be estimated in ordinary terms, and it is fitting that his friends should do him honor. Men prominent in the public and political life of the city and province and old-timers will be present at the celebrations.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Annual Meeting

ONE of the largest delegations in the history of the W.M.S. met in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the occasion of the thirteenth annual meeting of the Provincial W.M.S.

The meetings, which were presided over by the President, Mrs. Pillar, were well attended, and great interest was shown by the delegates in the reports of departments, which were exceptionally good, and in the speakers, Dr. Jessie MacBean of Hackett Medical College, South

China; Mrs. H. R. Horne of the Council Executive, and Mrs. C. P. Young of Gwalior, India.

After registration, two hundred or more delegates and members of Societies, sat down to a banquet, served by the Victoria Presbyterial women, who were also hostesses at the luncheon on Wednesday . Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, welcomed the delegates and greetings were brought from the Synod by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D.; the Presbytery, by Rev. J. S. Patterson; the different Presbyterials of British Columbia and inter church denominations; also from Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor, a former member of the Executive, from her home in St. Andrew's by the Sea.

In the evening, Dr. Jessie MacBean told of her work in South China where, for fifteen years, she had been medical Superintendent of the "Marian Barclay" Hospital, at Kong Moon, and later on the staff of Hackett Medical College, at Canton. She had found the young Chinese women most eager to learn and they made tremendous advances in medical work.

On Wednesday, reports of departments were given. The Treasurer's report showed splendid results, $5,411.51 being received for the year.

The Welcome and Welfare Secretary told of difficulties encountered owing to many of the newcomers not understanding the changed condition in the Churches. A booklet was shown which has recently been published, giving necessary information and statistics of the Church, which will no doubt remedy this difficulty.

The Library Secretary reported much literature and many books sent to missions, hospitals, and Sunday Schools in outlying districts; and many more requests for books as a nucleus of libraries in isolated places.

The Supply Secretary reported that hospital supplies, household and other gifts from the Auxiliaries had helped many who were in need. The sum of $805.75 had been contributed for supply work.

The Life Membership department was gaining, 18 new members had been added, making 106 Life Members in the Province.

The Home Helpers Department showed an increase of 145.

The reports of the Literature Department, Mission Band, C.G.I.T., and Y.W. work all showed a marked increase.

The Costume Secretary exhibited the costumes for use in pageants or mission plays in connection with C.G.I.T. work.

The deaconess of the port of Vancouver had made many visits to the sick in homes and hospitals, and aided many needy families.

The names of 950 persons coming to British Columbia had been received, 295 letters of welcome written and 343 visits made.

Mrs. Macqueen, Superintendent of Chinese work in Victoria, felt it a great privilege to give the little Chinese children their first impressions and teach them the truths of God. There are 114 Chinese children enrolled and 8 teachers.

Miss Lawrence, Superintendent of Chinese work in Vancouver, told of their Mission Band. The children were so interested in it that they wanted it every week.

An interesting address on Central India was given by Mrs. C. P. Young, and Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, first Vice-President, outlined her Presbyterial visitation in the interior of the Province.

Mrs. H. R. Horne appealed to the women to do all in their power to direct the thoughts of the young men and women to enter the fields as missionaries. Even in our own land there is much work to be done among the newcomers.

One change was made in the officers, Mrs. J. W. Dow taking the place of Mrs. D. Campbell as Mission Band Secretary.

The President gave a splendid address reviewing the work of the past year. This is the eighth year that Mrs. Pillar has occupied the presidential chair and much of the success of the W.M.S. is due to her untiring efforts.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

IT has been a help and pleasure to have had Dr. Jessie MacBean with us, she has given so many addresses. A well attended missionary service was held one Sunday evening in Calvin Church, Weston. Dr. MacBean spoke on the situation in China. She also addressed St. John's and St. James Churches. The Executive of the Winnipeg Presbyterial W.M.S., entertained at dinner at the Mikado tea room in honor of Dr. McBean who spoke on many phases of her work, both in China and Canada.

St. John's Cathedral was crowded on Friday, March 4th, the day of prayer for missions. Christian women of all denominations were present.

The Easter Thank-offering of First Church W.M.S. was held in the National Assembly Hall on Wednesday evening, April 13th. It was, said the writer, "a joy and inspiration to all." Mrs. A. Long, the President, occupied the chair and introduced Miss Pelton, the speaker of the evening. We have read about Miss Pelton in *Glad Tidings* but now we have met her we all agree "she is a gift." When the summer is over, no Presbyterian family within the confines of our Province, no matter how remote, but will have felt the influence of this consecrated girl who plans to touch its loneliest outpost.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. F. PALMER, 34 HEWITT AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Provincial Board has appointed Mrs. W. Carter, 7 High Park Blvd., Toronto, to act as Costume Secretary in addition to her duties as Exchange Secretary. Presbyterial Costume Secretaries take note!

Will the Press Secretaries of the Province kindly note the following change in name and address of Mrs. H. H. Allen, Provincial Press Secretary, and in future address all communications to Mrs. D. F. Palmer, 34 Hewitt Ave., Toronto.

Chatham P.S. met in Knox Church, Leamington, March 8th and 9th. Reports showed 6 Auxiliaries, 15 Minority Groups, 6 Y.W.A.'s, 10 Mission Bands, allocation exceeded by $129.83, 35 Life Memberships, 17 Junior Members and 2 In Memoriam certificates. Welcome and Welfare Department reported over 600 calls. Increase of 192 subscriptions for *Glad Tidings*. Optimism was the keynote of the President's address. Mrs. Moore, President of the W.M.S. (E.D.), in a vivid way brought greetings from the eastern W.M.S. Rev. D. E. Macdonald gave a beautifully illustrated lecture on India. Since the meeting the affiliation of the "Wacousta" C.G.I.T. Group of First Church, Chatham, with 20 enthusiastic workers, and the organization of a W.M.S. in Bothwell with 18 members have been reported.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Quebec Provincial Board held a special meeting on June 16th, in Knox-Crescent Church Lecture Hall, Montreal, to hear the report of delegates to the Council meeting, held in Windsor. Miss McConnell, missionary elect to India, and Miss E. Murray, who is in charge of the Tyndale Home, recently opened for Settlement Work, brought welcome messages. Speaking of the Council, Mrs. Dougherty stressed the need for new recruits for the Deaconess Training Home, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Anderson referred to its spiritual atmosphere, Mrs. Baker to the Home Mission field, Mrs. Reid to overseas needs and Miss Metcalfe to the claims of National Missions.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, reports its pleasure at having Rev. William Patterson as special speaker at their Easter Thank-offering service. The work here is progressing very satisfactorily under the leadership of Mrs. W. G. Brown.

An interested worker from Kindersley writes that, "although

having difficulty in getting a permanent minister, yet our Auxiliary is standing firm in every particular.'' The Easter Thank-offering service was held May 10th, when Miss Pelton gave a very helpful address from the text, ''Lovest Thou Me . . . Feed My Sheep.'' The sum of $39.40 was contributed. This Society reports having already sent in its allocation together with a donation of home canned fruit and pickles to the Girls' School Home at Saskatoon.

Life Members

Ontario Provincial.—

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. Thomas Windatt, by Miss Jessie McBain to her sister Miss Annie McKay, Gamebridge; Dr. W. A. Feader, by his wife, Mrs. Feader, St. Matthew's Aux., Woodlands; Agnes Dulmage, our missionary in South China, by Amos Aux., to Mrs. Dulmage, Dromore; Mrs. Robina McDonald, by Mrs. A. A. J. Simpson, Ashfield Aux.; Mrs. Duncan McLeod, by her daughter, Miss Mary McLeod, Ashfield Aux.; Mrs. Bessie Campbell Stalker, by her mother, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, to Mrs. John A. Lamont, Kintyre Aux.; Miss Annie Milligan, by her sister Miss Minnie Milligan, Lindsay Aux.

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HOLMES.—At Beauharnois, Quebec, on May 23, 1927, Miss Margaret Holmes, beloved Corresponding Secretary of the Beauharnois Auxiliary, and Recording Secretary of the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band, Beauharnois.

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Life Membership Certificate for "Baby" MacDonald given by Council Meeting Members	25.00	Vegreville Hospital	315.00
Ottawa, Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario"	5.00	Chinese Work in Canada..	545.86
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		Organization	350.00
		Church Extension	247.20
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Balance on Hand May 1st, 1927	$39,848.74	
Receipts	17,654.13	
Disbursements		$20,711.46
Pension Fund		5,014.00
Sustaining Fund		9,778.48
Legacy Fund		3,093.76
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Editorial

IT AFFORDS US GREAT PLEASURE to be able to announce that a study book on our own work is being prepared and will, we hope, be out well before the end of the year. In view of 1927 marking the Diamond Jubilee of Canadian Confederation and of the plans formed by the Government and other organizations for the celebration of this event, our W.M.S. has felt that the programme for the different branches of our Society should, for this year, relate to Canada and this event in our national life, and so have worked with that aim in view.

The Missionary Education Council of Canada, which in past years has provided so many acceptable study books, laid plans early in the season for such a book for this commemoration year, but an author could not be found who would undertake the task in the limited time set, and so the different denominations which form the M.E.M. were obliged to turn elsewhere for a study book. This explains the lateness of our study book. But we are sure our members will wait patiently and anticipate with pleasure the appearance of a book dealing particularly with our own missions. Next month we hope to be able to give an outline of the contents and the name.

"*Heroes of Our Home Lands,*" by P. R. Hayward, has been chosen as the teen-age text-book. It contains a series of ten sketches of outstanding men and women from these lands—Garabaldi, Lord Shaftesbury, Tolstoy, Jenny Lind and others. The stories are most interesting and the purpose of the book is to give the young people a better idea of the many fine qualities possessed by these fellow citizens from across the seas who have made their home in Canada. The book also contains helpful suggestions for leaders. Price 50c. and 65c.

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"*Canada From Sea to Sea*" is a booklet with three addresses prepared in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation and delivered at the Council meeting in Windsor in May. The first, entitled "Fifty

Years of Progress,'' is by Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Halifax, President of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S. The second, ''Pioneers in Church, State and the Women's Missionary Society in British Columbia'' is by Mrs. W. J. White, of Vancouver. The third, ''The Presbyterian Church in Western Canada Sixty Years Ago and To-Day'' is by Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Saskatoon. We hope every Auxiliary will send for a copy and use it at the September meeting. It will also prove a splendid complement to the study book, and we promise you that having taken it up you will not lay it down until you have read every word. It is a decided contribution to our missionary publications. Price 15c.

''Let Us Give Thanks Unto the Lord''—An Order of Service for the Thank-offering Meeting takes the place, this year, of the usual Thank-offering leaflet. It is a very simple and dignified service and eminently suited to give expression to our deep sense of gratitude to God for all His goodness to us. The impressiveness of the service will be enhanced if those in charge will follow exactly the suggestions made for its conduct. The entire service can easily be conducted in an hour.

''Suggestions for a Children's Service'' has also been prepared. It was a happy thought to remember the children and we delight to think that the little voices too will be raised in songs and words of thanksgiving. The service for the children will be free, for that of the Auxiliaries there will be a slight charge, the amount to be made known next issue.

The Annual Report has some twenty pages more than last year. With the large increase in members and societies this was to be expected. Next year we anticipate an even larger book for we shall have full reports of all the missionary work returned to us by the Dominion Property Commission, of which, this year, we have only printed a brief summary.

Through a misunderstanding on the part of some Secretaries, lists of certain organizations were not forwarded until June, July and in one case, August, and then were incomplete, as those from whom data could be obtained were away for the summer. We regret the disappointment we feel sure some will feel at not seeing their Society and the result of their work recorded.

The allocation is as follows: 3 to each Auxiliary and Y. W. Auxiliary, and 1 to each Associate Society, C.G.I.T. Group and Mission Band. Copies will also go to all our officers, missionaries and the ministers of our Church. We hope our members will make use of the report and refer constantly to it for, after all, without the work of the members there could be no report.

THE INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH will be centered on the party which is sailing for the Orient, on the *Empress of Russia*, on September

22nd. It includes the Commission sent out by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:— Mr. C. S. Macdonald, of Brampton, Rev. D. MacOdrum, of Brockville, representing the Church, and Mrs. D. Strachan, of Toronto, representing the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). They will visit the missions in Formosa, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Shanghai, Canton, if possible, and India. With the Commission there also sails the following missionaries: Rev. Luther L. and Mrs. Young who have already given years of service in Korea and are returning to take up work among the Koreans in Japan. To Formosa: Rev. James I. Dickson, an evangelist and Mrs. Dickson, and the two W.M.S. workers, Miss Ada E. Adams, a kindergarten teacher, and Miss Alma Burdick an evangelistic worker. Dr. Adams, father of Miss Adams, who was appointed to the MacKay Memorial Hospital, left for Formosa immediately after his designation in June,

To India: Rev. D. E. Macdonald, who is returning to his field in the Bhil district, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Toombs, an evangelistic worker, and the two W.M.S. appointees, Miss M. H. Williamson, a teacher, and Miss Isobel McConnell a nurse. To Gwalior: Mr. Angus Mackay an educationist. The India missionaries, with the exception of Miss McConnell, who joins the party at Liverpool, sail on the *Regina* on September 3rd. As these servants of the Church and our substitutes on the mission fields set sail we would ask the prayers of the people on their behalf, that they may be given journeying mercies and be guided of God in all their undertakings and decisions.

COINCIDENT WITH THE COMING to Canada of the Prince of Wales for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, there appeared in a Toronto paper, an extract from a book just published in England entitled "Mother India." It seemed to us a beautiful picture of a princely act and one worthy of greater public notice, and was in keeping with the many kind and gracious acts performed by the Prince of the House of Windsor, who, with his brother, is being joyously acclaimed from end to end of this great "outer Empire."

WRITING OF THE VILLAGE WORK in India, in which they were engaged at the time, Dr. Wilkie of Gwalior, tells of the cheer they have had in their work and of the number of interesting cases in the different villages which they have been able to reach. Next year they earnestly hope to have one of our W.M.S. missionaries with some Bible women out, that they may be able to reach the women while he and the other male missionaries gather the men. "We are," he concludes, "so grateful to you as a W.M.S. for your kind co-operation."

MISS ETHEL REID is always a welcome visitor at the Council Executive, and the last time she came she had much of interest to tell about her work among the Chinese women and children in Montreal and surrounding places. There are over fifty Chinese women in Montreal, three in Three Rivers, nine in Ottawa and Hull, four in Brockville, one in Carleton Place, Cardinal and some in Kingston, Belleville and Beauharnois. Miss Reid expects to visit the women in Ottawa once a month. She finds them shy at first but on the second visit she is given quite a welcome.

A SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSION of appreciation is always welcome, and we cannot help sharing this one that came from Saskatoon with our readers, because their gifts enabled us to erect and furnish the School Home. This is what our kind correspondent says: "There are so many things for which to thank the Council Executive. Everything has been so carefully chosen and is so good and so beautiful. There are many touches which have warmed our hearts. The Home is such a big and beautiful gift to Saskatchewan, and the dear Superintendent is in keeping with it all. At the dinner for the Presbytery there was general satisfaction and approval. What an amount of work the selecting and purchasing represents! I like the silver, the dishes, the linen, the living room furniture, the rugs and curtains and everything."

ONE OF OUR PRESBYTERIAL LITERATURE SECRETARIES who has attended seven sectional meetings says that she found the women eager for suggestions about our literature, and most anxious to know how it could be adapted to the needs of the various Societies. This Secretary believes that when our people learn the value of the work in which we are engaged, and how they may share in it, they will respond gladly and liberally in service and giving. The result of this effort was gratifying to one Presbyterial and might, with advantage, be emulated by others and pursued even to the sacred precincts of the Auxiliaries.

MANITOBA AGAIN REPORTS big things from her smallest Minority Group of one, Mrs. Hudson, of Kenton, making herself an Honorary Member at the Brandon Presbyterial. At this meeting there was present Mrs. Wellwood, wife of one of the pioneer ministers and one of the oldest missionary workers in Manitoba. She now resides in Minnedosa where she was the mother of Presbyterianism. She was also instrumental in starting the first paper for children in China.

Glengarry Presbyterial was also honored by the presence of two Charter Members of the W.M.S., Mrs. Sproule of Moose Creek, and Mrs. Clark, formerly of Maxville, the former 82, the latter celebrating

that day her 83rd birthday. These mothers in the missionary cause how we honor them! The strength and stability of our W.M.S. is due largely to the life long interest of just such faithful women.

AS AN INSTANCE of the service our W.M.S. women are rendering the Church, we cite the example of one small place of which we know. There is no Church, but on July 10th an Auxiliary was organized with eight members. There are thirty children in the community and these W.M.S. women have undertaken to act in turn as Superintendent of the Sunday School until a Superintendent is appointed. In time they hope to have a student in charge, but at present the minister who is serving that district is laying the foundation for future work.

MANY OF OUR READERS are following with real interest the journeyings of Mr. B. F. Johnson and his van throughout Saskatchewan. If the results of two weeks' work is any indication of the wisdom of the undertaking, then the venture can surely claim to be a success. As a W.M.S. we are more than glad to have a share in this work, even if it be only the setting apart of a room in the new Girls' School Home, Saskatoon, as a depot for Mr. Johnson's supplies. Of his work he says: "I have just returned from a two weeks' trip, but on account of bad roads and wet weather, did not cover as much territory as I expected to. I visited 140 homes, 82 of which were Presbyterians, where there were 132 children. Among these were 23 children, whose parents wished to have baptized. I organized 8 Sunday Schools, with from 13 to 28 on the roll, and enrolled 22 babies on the cradle roll. Besides there were 49 homes, where they asked for Sunday School by post."

Since writing the above we have learned that the headquarters have been moved to Prince Albert, it being considered more central.

WE ARE ALL INTERESTED in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, that institution conducted by our Church, which is so splendidly preparing our young women to carry on worthily the King's business. We as a W.M.S. have been following particularly three of the students whom we have been supporting during the summer, one in a large city charge and two in remote places. Echoes of the equally fine work of the others and, one in particular has come to us—that of Miss Margaret F. Clark, who has been serving the Danville-Asbestos Minority Group. A Bible suitably engraved, the gift of the congregation and a Life Membership in the W.M.S. from an interested member of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, gave expression to the affection of the people for their student deaconess.

THE HEARTS OF OUR MEMBERS will, we know, go out in tender sympathy to our beloved Council Secretary for India, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, in the sudden death, on August 12th, of her husband, Mr. A. R. McMurrich. We pray that she and her three boys may be comforted of God in their great sorrow.

WE WOULD ALSO hold in loving remembrance, Dr. Jessie MacBean, whose mother passed away two days after Dr. MacBean set sail for Britain and China. May our dear missionary, whose life has been spent easing the burden of sickness and sorrow for others, be very conscious of the abiding presence of the Great Physician who alone can comfort and heal sad hearts.

WE WOULD ANNOUNCE the appointment of two new members to the Council Executive, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, who has been given the Japan Secretaryship, and Miss J. Florence Lang, who has been appointed Assistant Mission Band Secretary. The hospital department will be directed by two Secretaries, Miss I. S. Pringle, and Mrs. J. M. Poole, the addition of two large hospitals having more than doubled the work.

Staff News.—Miss Robina Patterson of Peterborough, Ont., has been appointed Superintendent of the "Lucy Baker" School Home, Prince Albert, Sask., and assumed her duties in July.

Miss Lily Simpson, of Weyburn, Sask., who has overseas service in view, has expressed her appreciation at her appointment as Superintendent of the "Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital," Canora, Sask., until September 1st, when Miss Mary H. Cuddy, formerly surgical nurse at our "Presbyterian Hospital," South Porcupine, Ont., becomes Superintendent.

In the Chinese work we welcome Miss Dickman of the Victoria B. C. Mission, and Miss Hattie Jue in Montreal,

Mr. H. B. Currie, formerly Principal of the Indian Boarding School at Alberni, B.C., has taken charge of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Boarding School, Lake of the Woods district, Ontario.

For Vegreville Boys' School Home we have been fortunate in securing as Superintendent, Mr. James Hall, of Edmonton. Mr. Hall has had experience with boys in London, England, in church work, also in Epsom among the soldiers. He and his wife leave almost at once for Vegreville and will get everything in order before the boys come in.

THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 13th, at ten o'clock, in Knox College Board room, when it is hoped that every member will be in her place.

Father and Daughter Designated to Missionary Work in Formosa

A SERVICE of unusual interest took place at Glebe Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of June 23rd, when Rev. William Fawcett Adams, M.D., and his daughter, Miss Ada Ethel Adams, were designated as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. Adams, who has been for fifteen years a missionary in China under the Dutch Reformed Church of the United States, will take up medical work in the "MacKay Memorial Hospital," Formosa, and Miss Adams will take charge of the kindergarten work in Taihoku, Formosa, under the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church.

The designation service was conducted by the Toronto Presbytery, the Moderator, Rev. A. L. Burch, presiding. Dr. L. B. Gibson of Cooke's Church represented the General Board of Missions, and delivered the address to Dr. Adams. Mrs. McKerroll, President of the Women's Missionary Society, addressed Miss Adams, and on behalf of the Council Executive, presented her with an English Bible. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, President of the Toronto Presbyterial, gave the missionary-elect a Bible in the foreign language, and Miss Gowans, Council Executive Secretary for North China, presented her with a traveling clock in the name of the Missionary Society of Glebe Church.

MISS ADA ETHEL ADAMS

Dr. Adams is a graduate in medicine of the University of Toronto, and is also an ordained minister. Miss Adams was born in China, and received her early education at the China Inland Primary School and at the high school in Kuling. On her return to America she took a course at Oberlin, Ohio, graduating from the Kindergarten Training School there.

Miss Adams sails for Formosa by the steamer *Empress of Russia* on September 22nd.

Designated to India

AN interesting and impressive service took place in St. Andrew's Church, Wingham, on Wednesday evening, July 6th, when Miss Marion H. Williamson was designated as a missionary to India under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. J. A. James, Moderator of Maitland Presbytery, conducted the service, and Dr. Perrie followed with prayer. Rev. Mr. James, on behalf of the Presbytery and Mission Board, then dedicated Miss Williamson for service as a missionary teacher in the Bhil field, India, operated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. A. Forbes, of Teeswater, representing the General Board of Missions, offered the dedicatory prayer.

MISS MARION H. WILLIAMSON

Mrs. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S., brought greetings on behalf of the Council, and presented Miss Williamson with a Bible, also an Indian Bible from the Bible Society, Toronto. Mrs. Perrie, President of the Maitland Presbyterial, addressed Miss Williamson and congratulated her on devoting her life to the missionary work of the Church, and presented her with a hymn book on behalf of the Presbyterial.

Rev. D. E. McDonald delivered an excellent address on the work in India, where he labored for some years and to which field he is returning shortly.

Miss Brown of Chalmers Church, Toronto, brought greetings and spoke very highly of Miss Williamson, and announced a farewell service for her in Chalmers Church in Toronto in September.

Dr. Perrie, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Williamson with a purse of gold. The benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Miss Williamson sails on the *Regina*, from Montreal on September 3rd.

LIVE CHRIST

Live Christ! and all thy life shall be
A sweet uplifting ministry,
A sowing of the fair white seeds.
That fruit through all eternity.

—John Oxenham.

Prince of Wales Won Hearts of "Untouchables" in India

HOW the Prince of Wales won the hearts of the outcasts of India, became their prince and was called "brother" by the Untouchables, is thrillingly told by Margaret Mayo, the American author, in her latest volume, *Mother India.*

A great crowd of the poorest people assembled at the railway station when he left Bombay for his tour of India in 1921, although when he first landed at Bombay he had been boycotted in the streets. The prince's train was shut off from the crowd by barriers, but after he had received the salutations of the notables he said, "Drop those barriers and let the people in."

The hearts of the officials jumped into their mouths—no one knew what was the attitude of the crowd—but the prince's instinct was true, and the people swept in "and shouted and adored and laughed and wept."

The news ran through India.

"And," says Miss Mayo, "when he turned back from his transit of the Great North Gate—the Khyber Pass itself—a strange thing awaited him. A swarm of untouchables, emboldened by news that had reached them, clustered at the roadside to do him reverence.

"When the prince slowed down his car to return their greetings they leapt and danced in their excitement. For nowhere in all their store of memory or of legend had they any history of an Indian magnate who had noticed an untouchable except to scorn him. And here was a greater than all India contained—the son of the king emperor, to them almost divine, who deigned not only to receive but even to thank them for their homage.

"Small wonder that their spirits soared, that their eyes saw visions, that their tongues laid hold upon mystic words.

"'Look! Look!' they cried to one another. 'Behold, the Light, the Light!'"

Some of these untouchables made their way to Delhi, where 25,000 of them assembled to greet the prince.

"At last he came," states Miss Mayo, "down the Grand Trunk road, toward the Delhi gate. In the centre of hosts of the untouchables, one, standing higher than the rest, unfurled a flag.

"'Hail to the prince! Hail to the king's son!' they all shouted together, to burst their throats. And the prince, while the high-caste Indian spectators wondered and revolted within themselves at his lack of princely pride, ordered his car to be stopped.

"Then a spokesman ventured forward to offer in a humble little speech the love and fealty of the 60,000,000 of the unclean.

"The prince heard him through. Then—whether he realized the magnitude of what he did, or whether he acted on the impulse of his natural friendly courtesy toward all the world—he did an unheard-of thing. He stood up—stood up for them, the 'worse than dogs'—spoke a few words of kindness, looked them all over slowly, and so, with a radiant smile, gave them his salute.

"No sun that had risen in India had witnessed such a sight. As the car started on, moving slowly not to crush them, they went almost mad; and again their eastern tongues clothed their thought, 'Brother.' That word was truth."—*Selected.*

Zenana Women Honor a Former Worker

DR. WILKIE

THOSE of you who were familiar with our history will remember that my daughter, Bessie, was with us for years in the zenana and school work among girls and women along with Gracebai, and made a great many very warm friends. Miss Bessie was married to Major Mitchell of Australia, in 1921, and has been living in Australia ever since. Last year Mrs. Wilkie and I visited them and when Mrs. Wilkie was returning, in October, Mrs. Mitchell and her little boy came with her and have been with us ever since.

She was greatly beloved by all the women and children about us, by Gracebai especially, and at the earnest invitation of the zenana women in the city she and Mrs. Mitchell went in more than once to visit them in their homes. Most of the girls that were in their school are now married and in their own homes; but both they and their parents gave Bessie a very hearty reception. What was to me a specially touching feature was their request when they heard that Mrs. Mitchell was going back to her own home, to meet her out here in the "Brown Memorial Home." It was all hurriedly prepared; but on Monday morning a number of tongas came from the city with the women and the children. As an indication of the great advance in Indian thought these women who for the most part are shut up in the zenanas and dare not to look at the face of any man but their own husband, came openly into the school; Major Mitchell and I, and some others were invited to go down and take part in the gathering.

After the usual opening exercises to my surprise the women presented Mrs. Mitchell with a beautiful silk sari and little Donald, her

boy, with some fine velvet cloth such as would make up a beautiful suit for him and gold lace to trim it. It was all done so spontaneously and heartily that I felt very much touched, as it showed that Gracebai and Mrs. Mitchell had obtained a grip of the women's hearts.

Gracebai and Tiziabai are continuing the same splendid work in the city to-day, having far more zenanas open to them than they can possibly reach. To me it was especially cheering to find that whilst, at first, apparently somewhat shy of showing their faces, in a very short time they removed the saries from their faces and took part in everything that was going on, much as any person from home would do. It was all new to them. The mere fact of my being chairman of a meeting at which they were present was something they had never heard of before. The school house and everything connected with it was to them an eye-opener; and after the meeting was over they went outside and played on the swing and giant's stride that the now sainted Mrs. Forbes gave to us. So interested were they that they remained in the school for something like three hours, the children specially enjoying what was also new to them. Poor little things they never have the happy, joyful, playful period that should belong to real childhood.

MRS. MITCHELL (NEE MISS BESSIE WILKIE) AND HER LITTLE BOY, DONALD

After Bessie received her sari Gracebai took her away into her room and specially decorated her by putting it on as the Hindustani women wear it and then her photograph was taken. Donald has on his Indian sun hat and around his neck is a garland of roses which they in their desire to specially honor her and him put on both their necks as well as upon the necks of all of us who were there; a beautiful Indian way of showing kindly appreciation.

Work Among the Soldiers in Manchuria

Miss Jean Graham

IN spite of the clash of north and south and our being in the midst of firing in one place, and having to pass through the war zone in travelling down the Yangtse, we were wonderfully protected. We had been invited by the American Presbyterians either to take up part of their field independently or work with them.

Soon after arriving Dr. Goforth went north to do some special meetings and Mrs. Goforth accompanied him to Peking to undergo medical treatment. I found myself a welcome guest in Dr. Nettie Grier's home. She has a women's hospital and is also responsible for the work in the east suburb where a beautiful memorial church has been built to the memory of her late husband, Rev. Mark Grier, by his family, and also for the work in the north suburb chapel where her husband commenced the work. The little hospital chapel would be filled with waiting patients in the morning and Doctor would say I could keep them as long as I like talking to them. That was the most important business. Afterwards, their bodily ailments would be attended to. Then I went over to the east suburb and lived over a week conducting meetings every night and visiting in the daytime. I also helped Mrs. Brown with her Bible school where a number of poor and better-off women from all over the district gathered for a month to study the Bible. They were an inspiration to me and were so grateful for the teaching.

Notwithstanding the work I was able to do for the Master, there was always an ache in my heart for the many soldiers in the place. It is an important military base and tens of thousands of troops pour through it to the firing line. Doctor was also much concerned about them. She had organized meetings the year before, engaging a special evangelist and interviewing officers, etc., in order to try and reach the soldiers. Some officers brought their troops to the church. They listened to the preaching and then left. There was no voluntary interest shown. None of them came except under instruction. We were both burdened about them.

One afternoon I could endure it no longer. I took a large bundle of tracts and went across the city to the east. I arrived there as a train was preparing to leave for the south laden with troops. I went right along the carriages and open trucks, (poor fellows travelling through such keen winter air in an open truck—no wonder that 300 coolies sent in this way to the front from a northern station all perished in the trucks and were returned corpses to the place from which they had been conscripted), and without exception they gladly accepted the tracts.

I had a number of conversations with officers who were on the station directing entraining or waiting for the train to go. Some professed to be Christians. One told me he had heard me speak in Peking. Another offered to take a bundle of tracts and distribute them. I felt so glad I had gone. But oh! to see the train going out! I knew the majority were going to their death. I can never see such without thinking back to my last look at Allan and Gordon as their boat sailed away for France, and they never returned. Oh, cruel war!

When I returned late that evening Doctor asked me where I had been. She was so delighted and said, "I must go too when I have time." From then on our interest in and opportunity among the soldiers increased. It seemed as if we had tapped an artesian well. The soldiers welcomed our efforts so. We would go out together laden with gospels and tracts and anywhere, in the streets or at their camping places distribute them. Civilians often stretched out their hands hungrily for a gospel. We would give them a tract and tell them we only gave the gospel to the soldiers, to all others we sold them at a nominal charge. The soldiers came to know this and showed their appreciation of the special interest taken in them. Poor fellows!

A Chinese saying declares that scrap iron is used for making nails and "scrap" men, the lowest class are turned into soldiers. It seems true. Some of them look so debased. Military organization in this chaotic country fails to provide the bare necessities of life for the poor humans who know that their chances of return are extremely few. Certain it is that the relatives depending on them for help or support are rarely provided for. Little wonder they become a terror to the country.

Hsüchowfu is an important railway junction intersecting two lines. During the past few months hundreds of thousands of troops have passed through. Sometimes they stay for a few days or weeks or months. They dispossess the people, use their shops, their homes, their yards, their food, bedding, household utensils, fuel and even the woodwork of buildings. The people have to find home and sustenance where they can. They dread and hate the soldiers. On the other hand the soldier, compelled by circumstances to be so inhuman, feels himself a hated alien. Companies march through the streets with sullen defiant looks. There is no welcome or bright look from the onlooker. There is no friendliness on the part of the invader. It would be mockery to say they are the defenders of their country. Rather they are the compelled instruments to work destruction. They must work out the enmity and ambition and selfishness of callous leaders in scattering poverty, and fear and hatred and death all along the trail of war. It was surprising how often a brutal, forbidding glance changed to one of interest and even gratitude

when it met a sympathetic look and a book was freely offered. Though Doctor and I intermingled with many thousands of these soldiers, not once were they rude or disrespectful.

Eventually we followed the plan of taking big pictures and some choruses and putting them on a wall near their camping places (which were legion). They soon gathered around and listened to the gospel story, even trying to help to sing. The Chinese evangelist who was afraid of the soldiers became quite enthusiastic as he saw our reception and voluntarily accompanied us as also did a Bible woman who learned to enjoy our work among them.

At the outset it required some courage but my years of work among all classes of people helped me. I used to look in wonder at the ease with which Doctor engaged in this work. Sometimes as we have been holding a meeting with a crowd of soldiers she has slipped away and in a short time at some distance I would see her with a few score of them around her having a meeting on her own with the soldiers crowding around her with every appearance of respect and listening attentively to what she was saying. Sometimes she would get one of them to read from the Scriptures and she explained it. I certainly admired her courage. She had herself, however, paved the way for this work by her brave efforts to gather the people to the Memorial Chapel. It is built off the main streets and consequently there is little traffic near it. Rather than have it empty Doctor decided they must go on to the main street near and ring a bell and sing and invite the people to come. In reference to this she said "How I did hate to do it in the beginning. All the week I was thinking about that awful cowbell and that I must stand on the corner and sing and be laughed at. And there was no one who wanted to go with me. Poor Mr. Tsou hated it more than I did." But no doubt this helped her very considerably in speaking to the soldiers.

When the prospect of our going to Manchuria seemed near, Doctor was feeling sorry that she might have to carry on this work alone. But Miss McMullen recently from another place, voluntarily took part and was quite enthusiastic about it. We went out once to a big camp of 5,000 men, but we were too late to have a meeting. On the last Sunday we planned to go again. We went first to the chapel for the morning service. On our way we invited some soldiers to come with us (soldiers were everywhere). They came and sat with real interest through the service. There was such a feeling of power in the meeting. Quite a number of them bravely and seriously made known their decision to accept Christ as their Saviour. All of them stood with bared heads as some one prayed for them.

We then left the chapel accompanied by some of the Christians and

walked out to the camp. We found a place inside the grounds beside a mud wall which shielded us somewhat from the biting wind and formed a support for our pictures. The men gathered in hundreds and in spite of the cold and the bleak surroundings listened so well. As we were finishing we asked them to remove their caps while we prayed. Practically all removed their caps. The camp is right out in a wilderness place far from any other buildings. Yet in that wild place among the reputedly wildest of men, without human protection we felt quite safe. There is a gentleman in America who specially prays for this work. He and another spent a whole night in prayer for it.

We felt sorry to leave our kind-hearted friends in Hsüchowfu. Their generous hospitality combined with most evident charitableness made our stay one of the green spots of life. Although a number of foreign missionaries are working in this station each engaged in different work they combine their efforts most harmoniously. We were taken right into the home life, and so saw the inner workings of the lives of the missionaries. Not once have I heard them backbiting or unkindly criticising each other or those outside. Their hospitality is extended to all irrespective of creed. Surely this charitableness is Christ's method for unifying the world.

Missionary Ice Cream

YOU may be interested in a recipe for ice cream I ran across in the Orient recently. I will try to repeat the recipe itself, and will then give a brief description of its use and enjoyment.

"Take a number of missionaries, put them in a small station where they do not see a person of their own kind or race in weeks or months. Pack them in the ice of isolation from homeland, home-folk, home interests; salt well with heavy expenses for various incidental matters, such as special help to worthy cases, then stir into the lonely but busy lives of these missionaries about one gallon of rich creamy letters from home-folk, from father and mother, sister and brother, Board Secretary, college chum, church pastor and elders, Sunday School teacher, secretary of missionary society, friends and former guests. Mix these personal letters with a few standard magazines and papers, flavor with Christmas, Easter and birthday cards, and then serve in generous dishes whenever ready, morning, noon or night."

No wonder one of the missionaries in whose hospitable home I was a guest calls home mail "ice-cream." Of course the missionary has his real ice-cream too. Ice is fairly plentiful in some sections of the east, so I was favored nearly everywhere.

What shoutings, what dancing eyes and quivering lips there are when "home mail" is dropped upon the table! We were drinking our coffee after a lovely dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs.— when suddenly a servant came in with a large bundle which was dropped upon the table. "Home mail! Home mail!" from half a dozen throats at once. What a busy crowd it was for the next twenty minutes! Of course it was only a cursory reading that the letters got at that time. They would later be taken out and read and re-read and read again. It requires no stretch of sentiment to imagine that some of them might be held to one's cheek and even bathed in one's tears.

So, friends at home, remember that the missionaries love ice cream of the particular brand I've been describing. Not all of them, I suppose, are good correspondents. Do not forget, however, that they are fighting in front line trenches for you. You are at the base of supplies; they are in the firing-line. Keep them supplied with all the latest and best from home, which is simply news. If they do not immediately sit down and write you each one a voluminous letter which can be read at missionary meeting or at prayer-meeting, in answer to your post card or your brief note, be patient with them. They are not alone fallibly human, but they are for the most part fearfully overworked. Meanwhile, wherever I went during my recent visit to one section of the foreign field—the Orient—I was careful to try to give to the missionaries the point of view of the individual church and the workers at home, and to remind them as tactfully as I knew how that they not alone had the responsibility of doing the work, but that they had to be the chief, if not the only channel through which that work was made known to the Church at home.

—Rev. Hiram Foulkes, D.D., in *Women's Work.* (Abridged).

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our National Missions—Educational, Hospitals, Orientals, Social Service—and pray that the teaching and nursing ministry may be a means of making known the gospel of Christ; that new Canadians may be helped in establishing Christian homes; that our Canadian Christianity may be such as to stir within the Orientals a desire to know Christ; for a deepening of spiritual life, and a fresh realization of the power of God throughout our whole country.

Glimpses of Summer Schools

Miss Edith Sinclair

EIGHTY-FIVE students representing Churches in the Toronto-Kingston, Hamilton-London Synods assembled in Knox College for the first week in July. The Bible study periods under Rev. Professor Cunningham will remain long in our memories. Following this, classes for leaders in Young People's work, girls, boys and juniors were conducted by Dr. Kannawin, Mr. Middleton, Miss E. Sinclair and Miss M. Winchester. Rev. F. G. Vesey and Rev. D. E. MacDonald gave inspiring addresses on the missionary work of the world. The morning sessions closed after Miss B. MacMurchy had enthused all by her presentation of the work of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the closing service under the Dean, Rev. A. C. Stewart, Acton, eighty-five students pledged themselves to go back to their churches, their homes, or wherever God called them, to live a life consecrated to His service.

At New Liskeard, students and staff lived in our School Home mothered by Miss Manson. From Cochrane to North Bay they came, fewer in members than in Toronto, but with zeal and earnestness. Rev. J. A. MacInnis, Dean of the School, Rev. A. R. Ferguson, Englehart, who gave lectures on Church history with Dr. and Mrs. Kannawin, Mr. MacDonald, and Miss Sinclair led in the various branches of the work.

On to Sault Ste. Marie, then twenty miles by auto to Lake George, and we arrived at Pumpkin Point. the camp site newly acquired by our Churches in Algoma. About one hundred boys and girls, teachers and leaders were enrolled for ten days. Following morning worship led by the Dean, Rev. W. M. McKay, Dr. Kannawin conducted Bible study, Mrs. Kannawin mission study, sometimes in the large tent-school, sometimes under the trees. For the last hour each morning the girls and boys divided into groups for talks, hikes, and bird hunts. Afternoons were spent in recreation, swimming, etc., and the day closed with a camp-fire service.

Then close your eyes and waken up in fairyland, "the garden of the gulf", Prince Edward Island. At Charlottetown, under the convenorship of Rev. R. H. Stavert, the first School here, also, was initiated. Rev. L. Young and Mrs. Moore, Dr. Kannawin, Miss Winchester and Miss E. Sinclair comprised the staff. Two outstanding events at this latter school are worth noting for our encouragment and inspiration. On Wednesday evening, Rev. Q. A. McDowell, newly ordained to the pastoral charge of Caledonia, gave an address on the "Daily Bible School". Mr. McDowell had just completed a two weeks school in his Church at which eighty-five were enrolled with an average attendance of eighty. He had eleven assistants, six of whom were school teachers. For two hours each morning,

after worship in the Church, they had Bible study, memorization of scripture and catechism, books of the Bible, Bible stories and a period of supervised play. He brought five pupils from six to thirteen years of age with him who demonstrated what they had learned. It was marvelous! Then on Sunday we went to Belfast, the historic shrine for Presbyterians on Prince Edward Island. It was rally Sunday. To Belfast Church came the seven Sunday Schools which are carried on in the schools in various sections. It was a soul-refreshing sight to see six hundred or more people at worship, and the body of the Church filled with children.

The aim of the Summer Schools is to help leaders and teachers to better equip themselves for the wonderful task of leading the young to catch a vision of the Christ and His work for them. We hope that in another year these schools will abound throughout the length and breadth of Canada, then will we feel that all are awake to the call of the child in our midst.

The Canadian School of Missions

THE Canadian School of Missions was inaugurated on November 9th, 1921, by the Foreign Mission Boards of Canada for the specialized training of their missionaries and candidates. It is controlled and financed by a Council consisting of representatives of the co-operating Boards and also of four theological colleges in Toronto. The units which comprise the Council are from the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches of Canada, the representatives of our W.M.S. being our President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, and our Secretary for India, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich.

In the six years since its inception no less than 144 courses on 46 different subjects have been offered by the school, and in these courses 295 missionaries and 172 candidates, a total of 467 different students, have been registered.

Toronto was selected as the location of the school for various reasons. It is the headquarters of the various Church bodies of Canada. There are always a large number of candidates for overseas service among the students of the city. The majority of Canadian missionaries make their furlough homes in or near Toronto. Moreover it is an important educational centre with a large university, several theological colleges, technical, musical and other institutions, and excellent library facilities.

The policy of the school is, not to offer any instruction which could be secured in the existing courses in the various institutions in Toronto, and one main line of its work has been to bring furloughed and pros-

pective missionaries into touch with such existing instruction, and to provide special courses if required.

Some of the school courses continue throughout the year, others are held for six weeks, from the middle of January to the end of February, and an intensive one week session in the third week of April. A session in phonetics occupies the fourth week of April.

This year the course of phonetics was under the expert direction of Prof. T. F. Cummings of New York City, who is perhaps the foremost exponent and teacher of this subject on the North American continent. Forty students, representing Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Church Mission Boards were enrolled for the course. Some were candidates under appointment to overseas missions, others were furloughed missionaries.

The lecturers are men and women of high standing in their respective fields. Within the past six years they have numbered eighty-nine and their services have been given without remuneration. No fees for any of the courses are asked of missionaries or candidates of any of the co-operating Boards. When necessity demands it, personal instruction is secured.

Occasional lectures by outstanding missionary leaders in other countries, visits of observation to centres of interest in and near the city, conferences on personal and practical problems, and above all the spiritual preparation of the missionary is considered in arranging the courses and selecting the instructors.

We close this brief sketch of this institution, in which we as a W.M.S. have a vital interest, with a tribute by John R. Mott, that distinguished missionary leader, given at the close of one of his lectures. He said:

"Above all one is here vividly conscious of the spirit pervading the institution and its fellowship—the spirit of unity, the spirit of service, the spirit of humility in the earnest quest for deeper knowledge of God and of eager responsiveness to the mind and will of Christ. This makes possible truly creative work. It constitutes a priceless possession."

A Resolution That Brought Cheer

"VERY much do I appreciate the message of the W.M.S. workers forwarded from the Council meeting in Windsor. One feels very humble when one realizes that a large body of women with much to consider and debate took time to plan such a message. For it all I send my sincere thanks."—*Lily M. Macarthur, port worker at Montreal.*

"One in the service of the Society so very short a time as I have been is surely not deserving of such kind messages. Again I do not think I am capable for the work and often feel that I am like a fly among the elephants, and am quite unworthy to be called one of your workers. But I shall try to do my best in the work so as to carry out our desire for the school and children that it may lead to a real success in our Christian work. Permit me to express my appreciation of your kind messages and my warm interest in all your work and workers."—*Hattie Jue, assistant Chinese worker in Montreal.*

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"Permit me to say how greatly I and members of staff at 'Cecilia Jeffrey' Indian Boarding School appreciate the kindly resolution of the Council of the W.M.S. I think I may fairly say for the entire staff that it is for the work's sake that we carry on, yet such expressions of confidence and interest do quicken the pulse somewhat."—*A. D. Menzies, Principal, "Cecilia Jeffrey" I. B. S.*

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"In reply to the resolution passed at the last Council meeting, let me assure you that the great interest of our W.M.S. members, their affection and confidence in the workers in the various fields of labor is the source of much joy and inspiration in the great work of the Master."—(*Mrs. E.*) *Kathleen Macqueen, Chinese Mission, Victoria, B.C.*

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"My thanks are due for the resolution passed at the Council meeting in Windsor. I do not feel that I deserve it all for I have so often made excuses and tried to escape the 'speaking'. I know I ought to do it willingly and gladly. Perhaps when I come home next time I'll do better."—*Bertha Robson, missionary on furlough from India.*

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"I have always felt proud of our W.M.S. everywhere, but never more so than I do now when there is so much to do and all are standing fast behind every burden that is added, and I wish to thank the W.M.S. for the assurance passed on to us. I am sure to all of us there are times when we wonder if we are doing all we can and the best we can. Again thanking you very much."—*B. I. Johnston, deaconess at large, Cochrane, Ont.*

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"I am expressing my great gratitude to your Council in passing and sending a resolution to me expressing their gratitude and affection and confidence to their representatives who are laboring on mission fields at home and abroad, and to those that remained loyal to our Church and are carrying on the work of the W.M.S.—and this Council was representative of the 43,300 members of the Society. I told a good many of our people about your kind letter. They were glad to hear that and were expressing

their thanks to you: 'We wish you to send our gratitude and best compliments to the representatives of the Council. All of us express our deep and sincere thanks to the Council and the W.M.S.' ''—*E. O. Eshoo, missionary to the Persians at North Battleford, Sask.*

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''I am gratified to have the copy of the resolution passed at the Council meeting of your Society in Windsor, for it is quite exceptional to have spontaneous recognition like this of the great service rendered by the Society to the missionary cause.''—*W. B. Cooper, D.D., General Secretary, The Canadian Bible Society.*

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we draw near with hearts full of gratitude, and lips pouring forth Thy praise for the wonderful way in which Thou hast led us in the past. We beseech Thy blessing on the work that lies to our hands in the coming months. Guide and direct us in all that we undertake, and may it be pleasing in Thy sight and owned of Thee. May we fully realize that without Thee we can do nothing, but with Thee all things are possible. Purify our thoughts and motives. O Father, keep our eyes turned to the cross, then shall the full meaning of redemptive love fill us with renewed enthusiasm for the salvation of souls, and the spread of Thy gospel; that those who sit in darkness may see the light and dwell therein. We have been selfish, even in the taking of Thy grace. Create a clean heart within us, O God, that Thy love may be shed abroad, and that we may be better fitted for service in Thy Church on earth. May we in our weakness not falter, for Thou hast made the weak things of this earth to confound the mighty. We praise and glorify Thy name for Thy boundless love. Guard and direct our missionaries wherever they may be, that they may fearlessly proclaim the gospel message. Grant, O Lord, that we may not fail them, but that we may witness for Christ in our lives and in our work, continuing often in prayer, thus upholding and strengthening the hands of those who have gone forth. Pardon our many sins and shortcomings, for we ask all in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for September

"CANADA FROM SEA TO SEA"

Prayer Hymn.—"Our Loved Dominion Bless." *Prayer.*—*Glad Tidings*, p. 295. *Scripture.*—Deut. 8:7-11, or Psalm 72. *Minutes. Business.* Topic 1.—"Fifty Years of Progress—the W.M.S. (E.D.)." *Hymn.*—"Lord of the Lands Beneath Thy Bending Skies." *Sentence Prayers.*—For our National and Overseas Missions. Topic 2.—"Pioneers in Church, state, and the W.M.S. in British Columbia." *Hymn or Solo.*—"Lord While For All Mankind We Pray." *Offering.* Topic 3.—"The Presbyterian Church in Western Canada sixty years ago and to-day." *Closing Prayer. Hymn.*—"O Canada," or "National Anthem."

For the September meeting we would suggest that our members use the booklet entitled "Canada from Sea to Sea." It would provide material for a splendid programme, and give the members the picture Mrs. Moore, President of the W.M.S. (Eastern Division), Mrs. White of Vancouver, and Rev. W. A. Cameron of Saskatoon gave the Council of the building and re-building of our Church and W.M.S. A programme of this character would make a good foundation on which to build the detailed story of our W.M.S. work as it will be presented for us from month to month. Should a more general programme be desired we would suggest that the Society feature the July-August *Glad Tidings* which contains a brief story of our work during the year. Whichever be chosen it would be well, sometime during the meeting, possibly before or during the taking of the offering, to have the Treasurer or Secretary give the statistical totals for 1926 (July-August *Glad Tidings*, p. 25) and compare them with those of 1925.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

ORGANIZING GIRLS' WORK

MISS MURIEL GRAY

LIKE the woof in the weaving of material the threads crossing back and forth carrying the color and diversity, so the summer holidays have lent the blue of sky and lake, the gold of sunshine and buttercup, the green of meadow and woods. Now back to the warp the threads extending lengthwise in the loom which give the strength and durability

to any fabric. These threads are of more monotonous hues perhaps, nevertheless they determine the length and breadth of the material just as the regular duties of the autumn and winter months determine the dimensions of service whether in your home, your school, your Church.

In arranging your programme of activities, save one thread for missions. You will be surprised when filling in your weaving what a variety of interest it will lend to the pattern. This year, owing to the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, the study book chosen for the girls in their teens is "Heroes of our Home Lands." Your project may also be worked out in relation to the Canadian missions of the W.M.S. What about the original Canadians, the Indians, or the New Canadians, or the unfortunate Canadians?

Leaders of girls in helping to set up the looms will be glad of the "Programme Suggestions," recently prepared by Miss Edith Sinclair, in connection with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. These booklets are supposed to reach every leader, if you are in any way overlooked apply to our Publications Office, Room 103, 320 Bay St., Toronto 2.

Then the attention of the girls carrying out the Canadian Girls in Training programme is drawn to the change in registration. The new registration blanks are double and require all Groups to register with their denominational Secretary as well as the Provincial Secretary of the Girls' Work Board. Please do not neglect to meet the new requirement.

TWO members of First Church, Edmonton, Misses Mamie Simpson and Janet Munro, are camp leader and camp nurse, respectively, to the C.G.I.T. Groups at Fallis, Alta.

The C.G.I.T., St. John's Church, Medicine Hat, Mrs. McConnell, leader, is doing well, and is very enthusiastic over the camp at Elkwater.

The following teen-age organizations have affiliated with the W.M.S.: **Port Stanley.**—Swastika Girls' Club; **London.**—Ever Ready, Chalmers; **Sarnia.**—Leewa, Wide Awake; **Paris**—Presbyterian; **Collingwood**—Chums; **St. Thomas.**—Pathfinders, Adanac.—Knox; **Dutton** Group; **Fingal** Group; **Strathroy** Group.

Mrs. Kelman, C.G.I.T. Secretary, of London Presbyterial, has been attending the different sectional meetings and has found them most encouraging from the "teen-age work" point of view. She has sent the list of groups that have affiliated to Miss Sinclair, our Girls' Work Secretary, and has also forwarded their names to their Supply Secretary and sent them a small allocation. Mrs. Kelman's own group won two awards from the Girls' Work Board (London) this year, one for general

work and one for their missionary work. Last year when they sent their bale away, they had a dress for a child, and sewed a letter in it bearing their name and address, and had a letter from the mother of the child that got the dress, and when it was read the President said, "Let's keep on making things all the time," and the girls all agreed.

CANADIAN EXHIBITS CLAIMED THE BEST AT BIG CONFERENCE

C.G.I.T. Becomes Known

CANADA'S National Girls' Work Board was ably represented by Mrs. G. R. Quiggin of Toronto, at the recent World Conference of leaders for boys and girls in secondary schools, held in Dassal, Germany. Mrs. Quiggin took with her an exhibit, consisting of all printed material, as well as banquet, conference and camp programmes and folders, which was prepared by a group of Toronto Canadian Girls in Training.

In a recent letter to Canada, Mrs. Quiggin says:

"Ours is by far the best exhibit at the World's Conference, and I am continually being congratulated. I always immediately tell that it was done by the girls themselves, and it is more warmly praised. I find that my free time is taken up by girls' workers from other countries, wanting to know all about C.G.I.T., so we wander off into the woods and talk."

Canada has been remembered in many corners of the world this summer, for the Canadian Girls in Training song-book was used in Palestine's girls' camps, the Leader's Book was taken to Sweden, and the story worship material found its way to England—*The Toronto Globe.*

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for October

IN the July-August *Glad Tidings*, p. 269, it was announced that the study book for 1927-28 would be "The Maple Leaf in Canada." We regret exceedingly to have to state that this book is not being reprinted, and that the number available is quite inadequate to our needs, and "Talks on New Chums for Young Canadians" has been chosen in its place.

The *Topic* for the first study is, Getting ready to meet the "new chums." The *aim* is: (1) To introduce the course and arouse interest; (2) to set forth clearly Jesus' message of brotherhood as the background of the course.

Order of Service.—Hymn.—"I Think When I Read the Sweet Story" or "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." *Lord's Prayer. Roll Call and Appointment of Officers. Hymn*—"O Canada." *Class Prayer.* (See Study

Book p. 4). *Class Scripture*—for the entire course—"The Good Samaritan," Luke 10: 25-37. *Class Text for the Course*—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." *Announcement for next meeting. Closing*—Salute to Flag Exercises (see notes p. 5).

Show the picture "Hope of the World" and explain it. Give the number and nationalities of newcomers to Canada and explain how the boys and girls can help these people. Leaders would be wise to send in their orders for this book quickly. They will find it of great value in conducting their Band. Price 50c.

What Little Girls Can Do

MRS. D. GALBRAITH

IN the October number of the *Glad Tidings,* we read of the good work some little girls had done, in securing new members for their Mission Band.

At the same time our Mission Band, "Loyal Workers", Burns Church, Mosa, was having a contest to secure new members. Ours is

THE "LOYAL WORKERS" MISSION BAND, BURNS CHURCH, MOSA.

a country Mission Band but it was interesting to note that one little girl eleven years old was able to get ten new members, while another girl got five, in all we have added to our number eighteen new members through the contest.

Last year our Mission Band had only seven members, while this year we have thirty-two and all are very enthusiastic in their work.

A New Kind of Can Opener

MISS OLIVE ROSS

DO you know the dogs in Fort McMurray are regular burglars at times, especially in the cold weather when they are not fed properly and also in the summer time. They will try all means to ferret a piece of meat if not put away securely, and would you believe it, they can open cans with their sharp teeth and break through windows. Although not able to feed them, each family possesses five or six, and it is nothing if one is walking along the road in summer to meet twenty or thirty within a few feet of each other. In the winter they are harnessed to the toboggans and they are not so plentiful running loose as they are in summer. I have had one or two experiences robbing me of my meat, so I thought this was a good time to mention a refrigerator.

NOTE.—Miss Ross is being provided with a refrigerator.—ED.

A joint meeting of the Mission Band and W.M.S. of the Chinese Mission, Victoria, B.C. Miss Pelton, who has just addressed them, is seated in the centre of the first row, on her left is Miss Gertrude Scott who is in charge of the kindergarten, then Mrs. MacQueen. Standing behind Miss Scott is Miss Lily Chan, her Chinese assistant.

The Personal Touch

THERE is a lesson for the social worker in the beautiful Old Testament story of Elisha's bringing back to life the son of the great woman who dwelt at Shunem, that is worthy of careful consideration. You remember that, when the brokenhearted mother had come to the prophet and told her sad story, Elisha sent his servant Gehazi to lay his staff upon the dead child but it had no effect, "there was neither voice nor hearing." Then the prophet came himself, stretched himself upon the child, put his mouth upon its mouth, his eyes upon its eyes, his hands upon its hands, his heart upon its heart, and then, with this close, warm, vital contact of personality with personality, the child's flesh waxed warm, it opened its eyes and was restored to its mother. And from that comes this pregnant lesson, that

there is a difference between the prophet's self and the prophet's staff. The prophet's staff was the symbol of his office but it was powerless to work that miracle, and it was only when the warm living power of the prophet's self was brought to bear that the power of God was present to quicken the dead into life.

And here lies a great lesson for the social worker and for any one who wishes to minister to human souls, if we can only receive it. For are we not prone to try and do our work and especially our most spiritual work by proxy, to send some one to act for us, to substitute organization for personal contact, to depend upon the mere outward forms of religion and forget that it is the throbbing heart behind that gives them power, upon mere words, fitting and wholesome it may be, thrown out from us but of which we ourselves are not a part, upon deeds done at long range or when we ourselves are present in the body, but, sympathetically and in heart interest, far away. But let us remember that what God makes powerful is not the staff but the self, not the thing we use, be it word or deed or money, but the person that uses the thing.

In one of the towns of our Southland a preacher visiting among the poor got this echo of the work of two social workers who had been in that town. Said a poor woman to whom he was talking, "I do not like Miss ———— very much. She was good to me in many ways but she was so hard. She would come into the house and lecture me for having the house so dirty, and it was dirty, I admit, but I had the cooking, the washing, the children to look after, and I was too tired and too sick to clean it up like it should have been. And then she would tell how I ought to manage the children and blame me for so many things, that if we hadn't been in such need and the children so hungry I would have told her to take her groceries and go away and let us alone. But the nurse they have now, Miss ————, is so different. I just love her and am always glad to see her. When she came she seemed to love us from the first. She said, 'Wait, you let me help you clean up the house, I know you are tired with all this work;' and then she took the baby and bathed it so nicely and made up its bed, and then when the house was clean she asked us all to sit down and she read to us out of the Bible and made a prayer for me and the children. I just can't help loving her."

This poor woman would not have been able to put the difference in words yet she clearly recognized that there was a difference between the prophet's staff and the prophet's self. The one was the ministry of the mere expert not without its efficiency and value, but the other was the ministry of one of Christ's servants, who with His love in her heart and His great example before her went out to give herself and lay her hand and heart and love and sympathy upon the dead souls of the needy ones.

—Rev. J. H. Lacy, D.D., in the *Christian Observer*.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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KNOX Church W. M. Auxiliary, Red Deer, at a delightful tea and sale of home cooking, held on the manse lawn, June 4th, added well to the treasury.

St. Andrew's Sunday School, Innisfail, arranges a missionary programe for the first Sunday of each month. Each class in turn provides a ten minute talk. On June 5th, Mrs. Bright's class of six boys, ages 10 to 13, gave a missionary recitation, and $3.00, making the total contribution to date $30.00.

In April, St. John's W. M. Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, gave each member some little stockings, with an appropriate verse in each, to distribute among her friends. These were returned in June, netting over $100. The Mission Band held a tea at its closing meeting and realized $26. This Band, Mrs. Cunliffe, leader, is very active, and the older girls have just finished an autograph quilt that was much admired at the tea.

The C.G.I.T. Group of the Ukrainian Church, Edmonton, had a lantern slide lecture in the Church, on May 6th. The lecture was "Around the World in Eighty Minutes."

Westmount Auxiliary, Edmonton, presented Mrs. Shanks, former President, with a Life Membership, on the occasion of her leaving the city.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton, held a very successful birthday tea April 21st, to celebrate the second anniversary of re-organization. Solos, both vocal and violin, were included in the programme; the decorations were mauve and green, and there was a very imposing birthday cake. Rev. Dr. McQueen and Rev. Mr. Dougan, as well as Rev. Mr. Macdonald and his wife, of Eastern United Church, were present, and Mrs. Connelly brought greetings from Eastern United.

About seventy Mission Band children took charge of the May programme for First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, with Miss Helen McRae in the chair. The East Side M.B. presented a pageant.

Goforth M.B., Strathcona, entertained mothers and friends on the occasion of its rally and opening of mite-boxes. A splendid programme of letter exercises, costume dialogues by older girls and boys, and several recitations and songs by the little tots entertained the guests. Rev. Robt. Lyttle, chairman, gave a fine address; Mrs. Buckham, President of Strath-

cona Auxiliary, presented Junior Memberships to Jean McKay, Nora McCoy and Ian McIntosh. The last two were given by the Strathcona Auxiliary. Jean McKay has earned hers by her mite-box collection, and, as a special mark of appreciation, was presented with a Japanese doll by her leaders, Mrs. C. Oscroft and Mrs. J. A. H. McCoy. After the programme the girls served refreshments and the workers strengthened their acquaintance with the parents. The total contribution through mite-boxes was $9.20 and the offering was $5.35.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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MISS EDITH MURRAY, who graduated six months ago from the Vancouver Bible School, left recently for Montreal to take up settlement work under the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. Prior to her departure Miss Murray was given a farewell by the Bible School, which was largely attended. She was presented with several beautiful gifts from the Bible School and the W.M.S. of Fairview Church.

Miss Alma Burdick, also a graduate of the Bible School, expects to sail in September for Formosa, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Both of these young women are highly esteemed and will be greatly missed, especially in Fairview Church, where they have been faithful workers in the Sunday School, and the interest and best wishes of a large circle of friends will follow them in their future work.

The officers of Westminster Presbyterial were hostesses at the annual tea on June 17th, where an opportunity was given the members of the different Auxiliaries of getting acquainted and enjoying a few hours of social intercourse. A good programme was provided.

New Westminster.—The "Sunbeam" Mission Band of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a very interesting meeting in May, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Band.

An historical sketch was included in the programme giving much interesting information of the past years, with the names of former leaders and members, some of whom have gone to their reward, some are in other places and churches, and some are still at work.

Prior to the organization of the "Sunbeam" Mission Band the Columbia Missionary Society existed and was composed of women of all ages, from grandmothers to little children. It was the first missionary society on the mainland of British Columbia. Eventually this society became an Auxiliary and was designated "the Women's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster", and was the oldest Auxiliary in Westminster Presbyterial.

The "Sunbeam" Mission Band was organized early in 1902, during the last years of the ministry of Rev. A. E. Vert, and through his efforts, and with the help and encouragement of the officers and members of the Women's Auxiliary, has become a strong Band having forty-two members.

A splendid programme was rendered. Those who have passed on were reverently remembered. At the close refreshments were served, the assistant leader cutting the birthday cake, which was decorated with twenty-five candles.

Prior to Mrs. Warren De Beck leaving to attend the Council in Windsor as one of the delegates, she was the guest of honor at an afternoon tea, where a presentation was made to her, and many expressions of appreciation voiced of her long years of wonderful work in St. Andrew's Church, she being a member of the first Woman's Missionary Society, organized forty-eight years ago.

Victoria.—A rally of the Mission Bands in the Victoria Presbyterial was held in May, in St. Andrew's Church, when a large number were present. The children, dressed in the pageant costumes, presented a very interesting programme, an address was given by a returned missionary, Mr. Cameron, and at the close, a social hour was spent.

Vancouver.—The different Auxiliaries throughout the Westminster Presbyterial have been hearing good reports of the Council meeting from the returned delegates, and plans are being made for rallies of Mission Bands and Auxiliaries for autumn work.

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MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

Mrs. Robert McBeth, retiring President of Old Kildonan W.M.S., presided at the annual meeting. She was later elected Honorary President and Mrs. Forbes Robertson, President.

At a monthly meeting of St. James Church Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. H. Sinclair spoke on "The Keeping Power of God Over His People in all Conditions of Life."

The annual meeting of Norwood Church W.M.S. indicated a year of marked progress. Mrs. Geo. Laurie was elected President.

Mrs. Herbert Sellers, retiring President of the W.M.S. of First Church, Winnipeg, presided at the annual meeting and gave an interesting address on the year's work. Mrs. Norman McEachern was made Honorary President and Mrs. A. M. L. Long, President.

An open meeting of the C.G.I.T. of Calvin Church was held recently. Mrs. Digby Wheeler spoke on the Mission Bands and their work in

Manitoba. Study suggestions for next season were made in an address by Mrs. A. Kernaghan. Mrs. Hutchison also spoke. The Trail Ranger group of boys joined the gathering. Refreshments were served by the young people and a vote of thanks was proposed to the C.G.I.T. by H. Coleman, leader of the Trail Rangers.

An Easter Thank-offering tea was held in Calvin Church. We had the great pleasure of having Miss Laura Pelton, our Field Secretary with us.

Stonewall Auxiliary is getting on very nicely. It is not a large Auxiliary but the members attend well and enjoy the meetings. Last year the book on missions was studied, each taking turns in reading a chapter, or a condensed version of it. This year they are enjoying the book on *Moslem Women.* A Bible reading is given at each meeting. Our Welcome and Welfare Committee has been kept busy visiting. Flowers or fruit is sent to the hospital, or home.

Knox Church, Selkirk, has a W.M.S. of 23 members. A Home Helpers department has been organized. They meet at the different homes, monthly, and are studying *Moslem Women.* A newly organized Young Women's Auxiliary has a membership of 15. The Mission Band has 50 names on the roll. They meet twice a month and are studying *Two Young Arabs.*

The Manitoba Provincial Executive of the W.M.S., met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Rorke to welcome Miss Laura Pelton, our Field Secretary.

Miss Laura K. Pelton addressed a large gathering at the mass meeting held under the auspices of the Provincial and Presbyterial W.M.S. in the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Hutchison presided and Mrs. Kee introduced Miss Pelton, who chose as the text of her address "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." She stressed the responsibility and the privilege that was attached to being able to lift up the risen Saviour before others, especially those nations yet in darkness.

The newly organized teen-age girls of First Presbyterian Church held an interesting Girls' Tea in the National Assembly Hall. A delightful afternoon was spent by the girls and their friends. The treasury was enriched by $29.00. The membership has increased. The girls have helped to make supplies for our mission hospitals.

One of the brightest and happiest places in Winnipeg on Easter Monday was the National Assembly Hall, where First Church Mission Band invited all the Presbyterian Bands of the city to a rally. After devotional exercises came recitations, piano solos, missionary songs, "The Pilgrim Chorus," all given by the children of the different congregations. A delightful pageant was presented entitled, "Souvenirs from all lands," in which the costumes sent from Toronto were used. Miss Pelton gave a most impressive and instructive address, telling how the little boys of India would suffer hardships in order to go to a Christian school and all about

the little girl widows, closing the address by teaching the children present a prayer of thoughtfulness for the children across the sea, who did not know about God's love. The rally was closed with prayer by Rev. N. D. MacEachern.

The W.M.S. of St. James Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, had a largely attended Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. McKenzie, of Gonor, was the speaker and her message will live long in the hearts of those who heard her. Choruses by the Mission Band children, a reading by Bruce Jamieson, and solos were special features of the meeting.

Calvin Church, Weston, had a delightful Thank-offering meeting. Miss Pelton was the speaker. In referring to our Church and the W.M.S., she told the story of an old lady who was looking in bewilderment at the first street car she had ever seen. "Ah," she said, "It will never go", but when it did get going, very quickly she threw up her arms and cried, "Oh, it will never stop, never!" The same with the Church and the W.M.S., it will never stop and nobody can stop it. Our W.M.S. is not a social club or fraternity society, but an institution of God which seeks to follow His teaching and obey His command, "Go ye . . . and preach the Gospel." If we go through the world without any missionary vision we lose the best in life.

A party of twelve ladies from the various Presbyterian Auxiliaries of Winnipeg, journeyed to Stonewall to attend the regular meeting of the W.M.S. of that town, which was held in Knox Church. About thirty were present. Miss Pelton addressed the meeting, outlining her work in Western Canada, and telling of the wonderful progress being made by the Presbyterians in all the provinces. The text of her address was John 15:16.

Calvin Church, Weston, experienced a red letter day on June 5th, when they had a visit from Miss Pelton. After preaching at St. James in the morning, Miss Pelton addressed Calvin Bible Class in the afternoon, and later spoke to the Sunday School, then organized a Mission Band of about forty children, preached at the evening service and greatly impressed and inspired the women.

A Provincial meeting was held on the return of the officers from the Council meeting.

In honor of Miss Pelton, who is returning to Toronto, the Provincial and Presbyterial W.M.S. held a banquet at the St. Regis Hotel. Twenty-four ladies were present. Mrs. Hutchison, the President, paid tribute to the work accomplished by Miss Pelton, and Mrs. H. A. Robson presented her with a bouquet of roses. Miss Pelton acknowledged the many kindnesses received, then told of the work as she found it in the different

places and of the wonderful progress since 1925. Lack of space prevents mentioning all whose words and songs enriched these gatherings.

The Late Miss A. Anderson

Knox Church Auxiliary, Stonewall, sustained a great loss on July 8th, when their beloved President, Miss A. Anderson, passed to her reward at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. McBeth, Old Kildonan, Winnipeg. Miss Anderson was one of the first members of the Stonewall Auxiliary, having lived in the district for over forty years. Her interest centered in missionary work and she ably filled the President's chair. She was of a most lovable and gentle disposition, and always sought to maintain a deep spiritual tone in the Auxiliary meetings. To her sister, Miss Lydia Anderson, the loving sympathy of all who knew her sister is extended. E.F.S.

ONTARIO

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OTTAWA P.S.—A year overflowing with inspiration, in which every department flourished under expert management, was reviewed at the thirteenth Annual Meeting, presided over by Mrs. Charles Thorburn. Ringing with hope and encouragement were the words of Dr. MacGillivray, Moderator, who addressed the largely attended evening meeting. Kindly words of welcome came from Rev. Harvey Leathem, pastor of St. Andrew's Church. A memorial service for the late Mrs. John Thorburn, Mrs. Levi Crannell and Mrs. Geo. Dalglish, touched the hearts of all present. Their real ability and the loving kindness with which they had accepted more than their share of work was the subject of many testimonials. The status in the home and the response of the Bhil women to Christian teaching was the heart of an interesting address from Miss Bertha Robson.

Algoma P.S. Annual Meeting was well attended, every department reported an increase. There are now 7 Auxiliaries, 1 Y.W. Auxiliary, total membership of 108, 4 Mission Bands and 4 C.G.I.T. Groups. The givings for 1926 were three times larger than those of 1925. Keen interest is taken in our work in this Presbyterial.

A busy Mission Band in Dundalk, organized in March, 1926, and composed of quite young girls and boys, meets every month and, in vacation time, has a picnic, when mothers are invited. Had a table of small articles and candy at the aid bazaar which netted $12. They presented a pageant from "Brave Adventurers" at the monthly missionary meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, and also took charge

of the monthly social gathering of the young people and presented an interesting missionary programme. Last year the Dundalk Ladies' Aid set aside $25. of their funds to present a Life Membership certificate to a senior member of the W.M.S.

An Orillia Band.—Twelve Junior memberships were given to the children early in the year. These are the first certificates given in the history of the "Bright Sunbeams" Band, which is between thirty-five and forty years old.

Brussels Auxiliary reports the bequest of $500 from the late Mrs. William Martin, a much loved Honorary President.

Superior P.S.—A new Mission Band was welcomed at the Executive meeting, that of First Church, Fort William. In the Home Helpers department all hearts were gladdened by the news that this Presbyterial had the highest average contribution in the province.

Maitland P.S. reports the holding of splendid sectional meetings, and encouraging reports come from every department.

Guelph P.S.—One hundred and seventy-five delegates registered for the Annual Meeting in Hespeler. The reports from 21 Auxiliaries were most interesting, nearly all had gone over their allocation. The President in her address gave a full outline of all the work given to our Church by the Dominion Commission. Dr. MacGillivray told of the activities of the Church at large, and Miss Sinclair spoke on Girls' Work. The banner Y. P. Auxiliary was Knox, Guelph, the banner Mission Band, Nassaganeya, and the outstanding report was sent from Rockwood.

Glengarry P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, June 15th and 16th, with a very large attendance. Mrs. J. J. McMillan, President in the chair. Every Auxiliary responded to the roll call. Cote St. George gained special mention, being the only Auxiliary which had every woman of the congregation a member. The Treasurer, Mrs. Caldwell, reported the allocation exceeded by $189.06. Total amount raised was $6,462.91. The average attendance is 68 per cent. of the entire membership. Mrs. Hardy reported the Provincial, Mrs. McMillan the Council, and Mrs. A. R. Hill of Ottawa spoke on Mission Bands. Inspiring addresses were given to large audiences by Rev. H. Leathem, of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, and Rev. A. S. Reid, of Montreal, and a pretty pageant, "Shining Lights," by the Knox Mission Band.

A correction.—We hasten to correct a mistake. In the July-August number we inadvertently stated that Chatham Presbyterial reports showed 6 Auxiliaries and 15 Minority Groups. It should have read 16 Auxiliaries and *one* Minority Group—a very different thing.—EDITOR.

QUEBEC

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THE picnic in connection with the Chinese primary school, which was to have been held on the mountain on July 13th, could not take place, owing to the inclemency of the weather, and an entertainment was held in Knox-Crescent Church hall instead. The children were entertained by the officers of the Montreal Presbyterial of the Presbyterian W.M.S. Including the friends and relatives of the children who were also invited, about twenty Chinese women and some fifty children were present and greatly enjoyed the games and social time. An excellent address in Chinese was given by the Rev. K. Y. Tang of the Chinese United Church. The school, which is for small children, is in charge of Miss Ethel Reid, Presbyterian missionary to the Chinese, and Miss Hattie Jue, and is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. building.

SASKATCHEWAN

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TISDALE W.M.S. being connected with the Ladies' Aid, three meetings in the year are devoted to the W.M.S. work. Fifteen per cent. of the year's earnings go to missions. Contributions to the "Girls' School Home" in Saskatoon, to the end of March amounted to $79.15. We are forming a missionary executive and hope in future to be able to give more time and thought to this cause.

Luseland.—A few willing workers here are deserving of much praise. They hold a Thank-offering meeting once a year, use our study book, and are planning to send a bale to the School Home, Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Parkview.—Miss Pelton took charge of the topic for the Thank-offering meeting. The work of Miss Ross of Fort McMurray Hospital was referred to as being worthy of the highest commendation. An address and presentation was made to Mrs. Patterson, our President, who is leaving for her new field of labor in Vancouver.

Regina.—In response to an invitation from Qu'Appelle Auxiliary, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, our Auxiliary President, and Mrs. Walter Martin, our Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, visited that point. Mrs. Martin spoke on Welcome and Welfare work and its great possibilities, when undertaken with vigilance and patience. Mrs. Sinclair spoke on the general work of the Auxiliary. Both of these ladies were much impressed and encouraged by the interest, enthusiasm and large attendance. Fifty C.G.I.T. girls attended the meeting, which is a very encouraging feature for the future of our Church. Through the kindness and hospitality of the hostess, a score of Chinese women spent a most

enjoyable afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Martin, 3032 Retallack St.

Battleford.—The teen age girls of St. Andrew's Church, North Battleford, organized in January, 1927, into a Senior and Junior Young People's Society. There were fifteen members in the Senior group and twelve in the Junior. They have met twice a month, alternating devotion and work. These meetings have been most successful. They hope to have a rally at the Girls' Summer Camp.

Regina P.S.—The W.M.S. of the First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held their Thank-offering meeting on May 5th. Mrs. Horne, Provincial President of the W.M.S., gave a report of her itinerary from Winnipeg to the coast. Larger attendance of women than ever before, showing a keener and more definite interest, was one of the very encouraging statements in her address. $62.20 was the contribution.

The W.M.S. of the First Presbyterian Church gave their President Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina, a very pleasant surprise at the conclusion of the April meeting when they presented her with a Life Membership pin as a mark of their appreciation of her faithful and untiring services.

The Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, is indebted to the W.M.S. of this Church for the contribution of almost two hundred books for its library.

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Gifts

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Bring thy gift to the altar;
But, ere thou lay it there,
Look on the whited harvest fields
And bend thy thoughts to prayer.

What is this thou art bringing
To lay before thy King?
Thy precious alabaster-box,
Or some uncared-for thing?

Bring thy gift to the altar,
Withhold not any part,
Will He who gave His all for thee
Not look to find thy heart

Laid down with prayer and offering
For Him to take and bless.
Ere He can multiply its power
In Kingdom-usefulness?

Bring thy gift to the altar;
But, ere thou leave it there,
Look on the waiting harvest fields
And pledge thyself to care!

—*Catherine Culnan*

Editorial

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE will not readily forget the meeting at which we bade Mrs. Strachan God speed as she started on her long journey with the other two members of the Assembly's Commission, to visit our missions in the Orient. As we outlined all we expected her to do, the responsibility we were laying on the shoulders of one woman burned into our very soul, and over and over again regret was expressed that Miss MacMurchy, who was also appointed to accompany the Commission, could not join them until they reached India. Speaking of the task which we laid upon her, and which she had accepted, Mrs. Strachan said, "I am going fully conscious of the responsibility resting upon me. I am going knowing you have asked me to go. I did not want to go and I do not want to go now, but I know that I shall have your support, I shall be conscious of that, and you will be conscious of my need. I hope we will get an insight into the work and that our visit will be productive of very much good. I am going feeling that we have the very best Church and the very best Society at our back."

As these representatives go forth in our name let us not fail them with our prayers, and let the burden of our petition be that they may

be guarded as they journey, guided in their decisions and that the way may be prepared before them wherever they go, that on their return the Boards of the Church may learn through them the problems of the different fields and be better able to further the work entrusted to them.

AT THE URGENT REQUEST of many who are interested in work among teen-age girls in the Presbyterian Church, arrangements have been made for Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, and W.M.S., to spend several weeks in Western Canada. She left Toronto September 17 and hopes to carry out the following itinerary:

September 19th to 23rd in Fort William.
September 24th to October 9th in Manitoba.
October 10th to November 1st in Saskatchewan.
November 2nd to November 21st in Alberta.
November 23rd to December 15th in British Columbia.

It will be quite impossible for her to visit every congregation, but by grouping congregations and holding leaders' conferences she might reach almost all the teachers of teen-age girls in our Sabbath Schools. Miss Sinclair is exceedingly anxious that her time may be used to the best advantage, so the General Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools and Y.P.S. has asked the Synods' Conveners to get into touch with the Convener of this Committee of Presbytery and the W.M.S. representative and make special arrangements for conferences of leaders, and, where possible, of teen-age girls.

Neither Miss Sinclair, nor the Boards she represents, are making any plans for meetings. She is placing her services entirely at the disposal of Synod and Presbytery Committees and will attend only such meetings as are arranged for her.

Miss Sinclair carries her welcome with her. She is a born leader of girls and has won a place for herself in the hearts of the Ontario young people. Her object in going west is to get in touch with the leaders and girls she "knows but has not met," and every effort should be made to bring the Secretary and workers together. We know her visit will be for their mutual benefit.

OUR TWO FIELD SECRETARIES, Miss Laura K. Pelton and Miss P. Lamont, who have been enjoying a well-deserved vacation, have started work again. Miss Lamont is to take up her duties in Ontario and Miss Pelton to resume work in Saskatchewan. One has but to read the provincial news to form some idea of the affection in which these workers are held, and the richness of the service they have rendered.

DR. MARGARET O'HARA returned for good to her home at Smith's Falls, Ont., (R.R. 2), on June 2nd, after thirty-five and a half years of service as a medical missionary in India. The severing of the ties of friendship between a beloved doctor and her "dear folk" must have been very hard, but as she says in her letter: "It is good to be back in Canada, and the people have given me such a welcome and Canada has always been my home although I have lived away from it." Continuing she says, "Dr. and Mrs. Davis and all the congregation have given me such a welcome. We had a beautiful communion service. I have always enjoyed these when on furlough, but once again I partook as a member of the congregation. There was a congregational welcome. Yesterday I addressed the W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. F. T. Frost, after which I was presented with a Life Membership of the W.M.S. and a new pin. And now I want to let you know that I am ready to speak or do anything I can for beloved India and our Church."

We, as a Council Executive, would like to give expression to our good wishes and to assure Dr. O'Hara that we too welcome her home.

THE FORMOSA MISSIONARIES are looking forward to welcoming Miss Adams, and promise her great joy in her work among the children. The attendance at the kindergartens in Daitotei and Bank-kah Churches, the former clearly pictured in this issue, has increased this year and the present buildings are filled to capacity. At Bang-kah the kindergarten is held in the basement of the Church. At Daitotei two old houses on the kindergarten property have been thrown into one. This year (the school year in Japan begins in April) one of the teachers is a graduate of a kindergarten mission school in Japan. She is a daughter of one of our Formosa pastors and a graduate of the Girls' School. The kindergarten has been carried on lately by four graduates from the Girls' High School at Tamsui and, considering that only one has any kindergarten training, they have done remarkably well. Another interesting department is the "beginners". It is held in the kindergarten room at the Church at half-past eight on Sunday morning. The record attendance a few Sundays ago was one hundred and one.

AN EVENT OF WIDE INTEREST was the celebration, on June 27th, of the fortieth anniversary of the arrival in Edmonton of the Rev. D. G. McQueen to become minister of the First Presbyterian Church. Forty years of "uninterrupted, unmatched" service have rolled by since that eventful day. The intervening years have brought many changes. The little frame church, with its small but loyal group of Presbyterians, has given place to the present stately building with all modern equipment,

a communion of over one thousand people, and a notably large adherent list. But best of all is the knowledge that during all these years Dr. and Mrs. McQueen have retained the undiminished trust and affection of their people. This in itself is a sign of real greatness. Throughout these years their interest in missions has never abated. In September, 1906, Edmonton Presbyterial, composed of nine Auxiliaries, was organized with Mrs. McQueen as President. She has also been Provincial President for varying terms and is now one of the beloved vice-Presidents of the Council. We are sure we voice the feeling of every member of the Society in expressing the wish that Dr. and Mrs. McQueen may long be spared to carry on their work.

WE HAVE barely got our breath after the Council meeting in Windsor when word comes from our hostesses to be in 1928, in British Columbia, that arrangements for the Council are in progress. Central Presbyterian Church, Thurlow Street, Vancouver, is to be the place of meeting and the session has granted the W.M.S. free use of the Church for one whole week. It is an established fact that success follows well thought out and well planned meetings, so we shall expect great things of the 1928 Council.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the Woman's Missionary Society (East) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., on September 28th and 29th. Our W.M.S. will be represented by our President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll.

While speaking of this meeting we would take the opportunity of drawing the attention of our members to the sketch or history of the fifty years of work of this Society which has been prepared. We commend the book to our readers. It may be purchased at our office for the moderate sum of twenty-five cents.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, in 1914, established in its Department of Social Service, the first university training school in Canada for social workers; and in 1920 it founded the first university chair of Social Science.

The Diploma Course is covered in two years. It is planned in the belief that a thorough training for any kind of social work must be based on the study both of the whole social organization, and of individual, family and group problems. Every encouragement, however, is given to students who are only able to give part of their time. Part-time study is found specially valuable for: those already doing some form of social work, but desiring more knowledge; volunteer workers wishing to increase

their effectiveness, and understand the problems with which they come in contact; those desirous of exercising their trusteeship on committees of social agencies, or administrative boards; those wishing to know more about the problems of the community.

Should any of our workers desire to take either of these courses they are advised to interview the Director at the Social Service Building, 45 St., George Street, Toronto.

No AUXILIARY PROGRAMME appears in this issue as our Auxiliaries are expected to make use of the Thanksgiving service prepared specially for the Thank-offering meeting.

A Correction.—Under staff news in the September number it was inadvertently stated that Mr. H. B. Currie, of Alberni, had been appointed Superintendent of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School. It should have read Birtle Indian Boarding School, Manitoba. Rev. A. D. Menzies, who has been Superintendent of the Cecilia Jeffrey School since 1923, is, we are delighted to state, still in charge there.

SPEAK TO MY HEART THROUGH GARDENS

SPEAK to my heart through gardens, till I see
The shame of service rendered grudgingly;
Turn from the selfishness that could forget
A lifetime were too short to pay my debt,
Beholding how from bud to petal-fall
Proud poppies flame with joy at giving all.

Out of the grace of gardens, make me wise
To learn as larkspur mirrors mist-blue skies,
Here in my place, Thy holy ground, I, too,
May lift a life that as a mirror true
Reflects the beauty of that Blessed One
Who in a garden prayed, "They will be done!"

Teach me in dewy silences to know
On the pruned bush the loveliest roses grow,
That when the shears of sorrows shall be laid
Against my life, serene and unafraid,
A sturdier faith shall flower there and be
A richer crimson in my love for Thee.

—*Molly Anderson Haley in The Churchman, New York.*

British Guiana

The following article was taken from the official report prepared by the members of the Commission sent out by our Church to visit the mission field of British Guiana which had been returned to the Presbyterian Church by the Dominion Property Commission. The three names attached to the report are: Rev. F. G. Vesey, Mr. C. S. McDonald and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll.

THE coast line of British Guiana, 270 miles long, is very uninteresting, being as far as one can see, from the deck of the ship, perfectly flat, but broken by a number of large rivers flowing north to the Atlantic. The largest of these, the Essequibo, is 600 miles long, and 13 miles wide at its mouth. The land along the coast is alluvial and very rich but at high tide is below sea level and protected by a sea wall or dyke. Behind the coast-line from 10 to 50 miles are higher tablelands, and farther south some quite high mountain ranges. Along the coast there is a government railway giving very good service from Georgetown to New Amsterdam, 60 miles to the east, and to Parita on the Essequibo, 16 miles to the west. There is a good motor road along the coast, and others, fairly good, in the interior. There are many motor cars, chiefly of Canadian make, in the colony, and a motor bus line runs from Georgetown to the Berbice river opposite New Amsterdam.

Lines of steamers run for varying distances on the different rivers, the longest trip being up the Berbice river about 150 miles. Donkeys are much used both in city and country.

British Guiana lies from one to eight degrees north of the equator, and with its rich soil and tropical climate, can produce in abundance all fruits and vegetables grown in the tropics. The principal products are sugar, molasses, rum, rice, timber and balata, a kind of rubber. Gold and diamonds are also found in the mountains in the interior. Over a million dollars worth of diamonds were exported from the colony last year.

Development of the country depends largely on increased immigration of agricultural workers. At present, with a country capable of sustaining four or five millions of people, British Guiana has a population of about 300,000. Owing to its high temperature, ranging from 70 to 90 degrees through the year, it has not and will not attract many white people and to-day there are about 3,000 North Europeans, 9,000 Portugese, 125,000 East Indians, 115,00 black people, and a mixed population of 48,000. The number of Indians is negligible and they live chiefly in the interior. The population live largely along the coast, 60,000 or 20 per cent. being in the capital, Georgetown. Forty-eight per cent. of

the total population is engaged in agriculture, and the East Indians to whom our Church is ministering, are nearly all in this kind of work. It seems to be a generally accepted opinion that the East Indians are the people most suited for agricultural work in British Guiana and that agriculture is and should continue to be, the foundation industry of the colony.

The first East Indians came to British Guiana about 1840 following the abolition of negro slavery. For some years after this, labor was imported from different coutries, but since 1885 practically all increase of agricultural labor has come from India.

These people came out under contracts which entitled them to free

Nanprashab, the Teacher and the Pupils at Unity-Lancaster School

return passage at the end of their contract. It was soon recognized that it was desirable to retain these people as permanent citizens, and, in 1895, the contracts were changed, so that a male immigrant was required to pay one-fourth, and a female one-sixth, of the cost of the return fare. A little later grants, or leases of land, were offered in lieu of return passages, with the result that there are now many peasant proprietors engaged in rice growing and other farming. These people are law-abiding and very desirable citizens. Both they and the country benefited by their coming, and it is regrettable that owing to the opposition of the government of India immigration from there has ceased, for the present, and the population of British Guiana is, in the meantime, stationary.

The Roman Catholic, Anglican, Wesleyan and Congregational Churches are each doing some Christian work among the East Indians but the main missionary effort of these Churches is among the black people, while the greater part of the work done among the East Indians is being carried on by our Presbyterian Church.

The work of evangelizing these 125,000 East Indian people of British Guiana has, during the last thirty years, been a very difficult and slow process. The people of India are reserved, thoughtful and philosophic in outlook, with the result that converts have been gained in comparatively few numbers. The ancient religions of India do not permit of the entrance of another gospel into the family life, so that the acceptance of the Christian message by any member of a household, has meant exclusion from the family circle, very often severe persecution and usually much physical and mental suffering. This accounts for two things, first, the comparatively small number of converts, after these many years of missionary endeavor, and secondly, the virile, zealous and devoted type of believer seen in many of the Christian groups. Men and women of a high order of Christian character and experience are met with in the East Indian communities and one cannot but feel that there is a very promising future for the Church of Christ among these people, if the missionary leadership continues to be wise and sympathetic —ever seeking the co-operation of the lay leaders of the Church, and recognizing their ability to shoulder the responsibility and help direct its affairs.

A "Bamboo" wedding. The temporary shelter to the right is for the wedding feast. It is built of bamboo and large palm leaves with festoonings of flowers and vari-colored decorations.

Up to the present time there has been no defined Church organization as we in Canada understand it, except that which is controlled and directed by the missionary himself, assisted in some cases by a Mukhtyar—who is really an unordained native elder of the Church.

From the earliest days the missionaries have felt the great need of native assistance in the work of the Evangel and from time to time there have been selected, partially trained and set apart, certain men, who had the spiritual experience and qualifications necessary for the lay work of the ministry. These men, who now number twenty-nine, are a very devoted and hard-working band and are the true evangelists of the colony among their own race.

In connection with this department of service there is held, semi-annually, what is termed a Meylay, (gathering) which is really a conference of all workers and leaders in the churches, both male and female, at which social, moral and religious topics, vital to the hour, are considered. It was our privilege to spend three days at such a gathering, and we were profoundly impressed with the keen spiritual and intellectual insight displayed by many of those who took part.

Mention should be made of the excellent work carried on in the Sabbath Schools by the catechists and day school teachers. There are 84 Sunday Schools conducted by our mission throughout the colony, with 147 teachers and 2,893 pupils. Our visits to some of these Sunday Schools impressed us with the fact that this service is the greatest opportunity that the East Indian Church has, and no pains should be spared in assisting this most promising department of our work. Already splendid results have rewarded the efforts of native workers and missionaries in this sphere of service—whole families having been led into the Church through the care and kindness of Sunday School teachers.

At present the three missionaries who are engaged in evangelistic work with their catechists, are conducting services each Sabbath in seventy-seven places of worship and also holding open-air meetings at appointed stations. Very often these open-air gatherings lead to the forming of a Christian group in a village which later secures a building and forms a regular congregation with Sabbath services and Sunday Schools. Thus has it been with the history of the work in British Guiana. Very small beginnings have developed into promising churches, many of which are now willing to shoulder much of the burden which the Mission Council has had to carry in the past. This interest and desire on the part of the churches is evidenced by the native contributions for Church work which in 1926 amounted to $2,886.12.

In only one station does our mission carry on religious work, directly, among the black people and that is at the Better Hope estate, where the work was handed over to us, with the church, school and manse, by the Scotch owner of the plantation, on condition that Sabbath services and religious education be provided for the workers on the estate both East Indians and the black people. In the rest of the colony

an agreement between missions provides for the religious needs of the negro and colored people, which avoids the difficulty of overlapping.

At an early stage the mission was confronted by two facts: one that while other churches were ministering to the black people there were a large number of East Indians with absolutely no opportunity of either religious or secular education; the other, that as no medical work was contemplated the meeting of the need of the child proved often the only approach for evangelistic work.

Thirty-four of these primary schools, staffed with 107 West Indian or East Indian teachers are being carried on. They are held in plain, unpainted, single board buildings of one room, with the poorest equipment, shutters sometimes serving as blackboard; benches are backless, sometimes too few, and children have to sit on the floor—desks are almost minus. There may perhaps be a map and a tattered picture or two. From two to eight or ten teachers carry on the work in one overcrowded room, although in the dry seasons, some classes may be held under the shade of a kindly tree.

We were much impressed by the children we saw in the schools. They were very bright and eager and seemed interested in our visits and talks to them. Their daily singing of our hymns and joining in religious services under Christian leaders, is a great opportunity to win them for Christ. We heard such hymns as "Jesus bids us shine," "There's a Friend for Little Children," "Jesus Loves Me," sung in English. For the children and young people, English is the language they understand best, but for the older people and others who may come from India, Hindi is very necessary. Many of the scholars in the schools asked that a special message of thanks and greeting be taken to the Canadian Church.

The children are very bright and responsive, order and attention are good, and the teachers are earnest and painstaking. The problem of securing regularity of attendance is general, and often teachers have to go to collect the scholars. Rice planting and other work thin their numbers, early marriage age, often at ten and eleven years, removes the growing girls. Reports show only 65 per cent. attendance in the whole colony; even this is an improvement on previous years. To encourage continued education the government offers twelve competitive scholarships, providing free tuition in any high school, all of twelve years and under being eligible to compete. The Church also provides two or three other scholarships for its own students.

There are two C. M. high schools at New Amsterdam, one for boys and one for girls, as well as a Training Home for girls. The

boarders in these three institutions provide their own food and bedding, and pay fees of eight dollars per term, for a three term year, with an extra dollar added for the use of the athletic field, by the boys.

Last year two boys and two girls passed their Senior Cambridge examinations, and two girls and five boys passed the Junior Cambridge. One is now pupil teacher in the Girls' High School.

The high schools in New Amsterdam are doing good work and filling a great need. About ninety boys, of whom 60 per cent. are East Indians, attend the boys' school, and about 48 girls attend their school.

The Boys' High School building is in good condition but the Girls' School building needs considerable repairs.

The Girls' Training Home and Dormitory is housed in the same building as the Girls' High School, which is a great detriment to its work. The aim of the Training Home is to prepare country girls for their life's service by giving them simple instruction in domestic arts, along with a public school education. This work is much needed and should be amplified.

The Church provides about one-third of the cost of these secondary schools, fees and government grants supply the remainder. Additional grants of three dollars are given for pupils passing the government sewing examination and eleven qualified last year.

Also in the primary schools the government bears the major part of the costs, one grade of school receiving full upkeep, others nearly all, although there are a few which are given no grant.

In nearly all schools manual training and sewing are taught to a greater or lesser degree. Swizzle-sticks, pen, boxes, washboards, cane-work, toys, dresses and shirts, evidenced good work done. In the Boys' High School the manual training is arranged in conjunction with the Lutheran Manual School. Scripture, the catechism, hymns in both Hindi and English are part of each day's study. In the high schools these are taught by the missionaries, in the primary schools by the catechists, whose teaching, if in Hindi, is recognized by a small added government grant.

Training in Christian leadership is also provided in New Amsterdam through boy scout, girl guide and brownie work, C.G.I.T. Groups and Young People's Societies. Special mention must be made of the "Happy Workers' Class" (C.G.I.T.) of the training school, which has by its industry and sales, etc., gathered $300 toward the long hoped-for New Amsterdam Church building.

Three thousand six hundred and thirty-six boys and girls are thus

under Christian training and instruction by our Church. Yet only about 60 per cent. of the East Indians have been reached. One teacher, Mr. Forsyth, said: "As fully 80 per cent. of the children have heathen homes, our responsibility is great and our work difficult." Much has been done, and more well begun in this the first generation of Christian teaching. The seed sown is already beginning to ripen in places, and future years will reveal the full harvest.

Has Our Work in Formosa a Future? These Pictures Will Answer

MRS. WM. GAULD

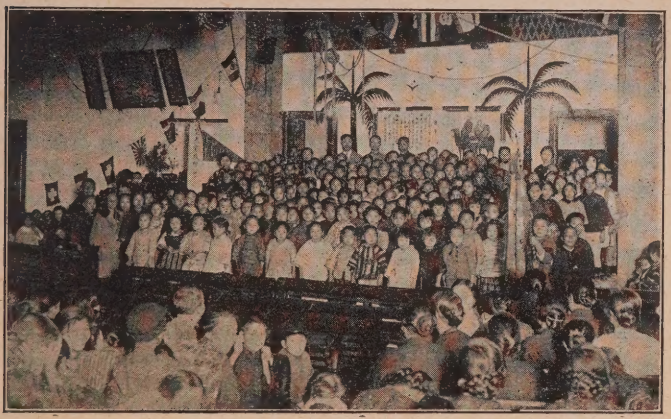
THE former Soren Church was built some years ago, on the corner opposite the hospital. Work amongst lepers has grown so that we decided it has to be carried on in an outside building. In the Soren Church

Soren Church opening the end of March

we have been more and more disturbed with Chinese bands and heathen Punch and Judy shows, oftentimes the preacher could not be heard. Dr. Taylor offered to take this old Church for leper work. The Soren people are delighted now with their new Church, which has a basement with five

rooms. Bangkah is the only other Church in North Formosa which has separate rooms for Sunday School work. There are over a hundred names on the roll with an average attendance of from seventy to eighty. The preacher of this Church, Mr. Tan, is in Japan at present. He is an excellent preacher, good worker and is loved by old and young alike.

Daitotei—This picture was taken in March of this year. The Church in Daitotei is in a very noisy district. When holding Sunday School entertainments at Christmas, or wedding ceremonies, the place would be jammed with people, many talking aloud. Last year the superintendent and teachers decided they must do something to improve the situation. The



Daitotei Sunday School Christmas Entertainment, also held in March. Because of the Japanese Emperor's death it was postponed from Christmas

pastor's assistant is a very good Sunday School worker. Invitations were sent to the parents and each family could invite a certain number. There are on an average one hundred and forty-five to one hundred and sixty scholars every Sunday. The Church has a gallery. There were six hundred people present. For three choruses the whole school, including the beginners department, sang.

If the Commission stay long enough in Formosa they will certainly be able to take home much first hand information.

Of His works there is no end and from Him
there is peace over all the land.
As with our Fathers so may God be with us.

A Formosan W.M.S.

Mrs. Bella C. M. Koa

YOU will no doubt be interested in our Formosa W.M.S., and we certainly are. It was organized four years ago, and at our first annual meeting we had one hundred and fifty women present, and raised Yen 420.00. Last November we had the annual meeting in Tamsui Church, morning and afternoon. There were one hundred and sixty-five women present, from eighteen Churches.

In every Church where there is an Auxiliary, we plan to have a missionary meeting once a quarter. For these meetings we have had to prepare our own literature. Our aim is to have a number take part in each programme, and at each meeting, so far, we have studied the missionary work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in one field.

We began by supporting one Bible woman, now we have three. We send them either to places where there has hitherto been no Church, or sometimes to places where the members have grown cold. At first we had them remain in a place only a few weeks, but latterly we have been trying a new plan of having them stay in the one place for several months. On one occasion when our Bible woman had been in one village for five months the people asked that she stay longer, so she stayed for eight months. Two families there are wishing to be baptized. Every Sunday they and others with them go to the nearest Church, which is about half an hour's walk.

One of the other Bible women is at present in a Hakka district. (The Hakka people came originally from Canton, and speak quite different Chinese from that spoken by the majority of Formosans, whose ancestors came from Amoy and vicinity.) A street chapel was opened in this place a few months ago. The preacher wanted the Bible woman to stay longer, and wrote us several times about it. I wrote to her to stay there till our committee decided whether she should stay or go to another place. The preacher sent a telegram saying, "Please don't have her go. Let her stay a little longer." So we agreed. I went to see her about three weeks ago. We went to visit the homes of those who are coming to the street chapel to worship. Ten or more persons are learning to read. That day we went to over ten homes. The people were very pleased to see us. Some were able to understand what we were saying, but some of the older people could not, as they spoke only the Hakka language.

This same Bible woman, Mrs. Lo, has recently been used to lead to Christ a woman who has been a vegetarian for sixteen years. These vegetarians are sometimes very easy to reach with the gospel, as they have the heart-hunger for peace. But there is one woman whom I have been

visiting for years, who always tells me that I came too late. She vowed to the Goddess of Heaven more than ten years ago that she would worship her all her life, and she will not go back on her word. Every morning she spends hours in repeating prayers, kneeling before the idol with many bowings and gesticulations. She firmly believes there is a spirit dwelling in the idol to which she prays, and that it has great power. Perhaps some Canadian friends would be glad to join with us in prayer that she may yet learn that it is not "too late" to open her heart to the Saviour. Another old lady living in the same city, who had been a vegetarian for fifty years has become an earnest Christian within these last few years. I think I must take her to visit this other woman, and see if her words will be of any avail.

"After Many Days"

ROSALIND GOFORTH

IT seems strange indeed that over a year should pass ere a letter should be written direct to the readers of the *Tidings*. Many times during these months have I recalled times when I faced hundreds of you dear women and it has been of great comfort and help to just realize how you are holding the ropes for us by your interest, your gifts and above all by your prayers.

And surely we have needed your prayers. Time after time have we had to face what seemed to us unnecessary and to us pressed as we were, even cruel closing of doors into what seemed such promising fields. And just listen dear friends for your own comfort and help. After nine months of following the Lord's leading blindly and often unwillingly, along hard paths, we have been brought out into a place of wonderful opportunity such as we did not dream of. We now praise God every day for having *closed the other doors.* Oh what a lesson for each of you dear home people as well as for us! Some of you may be asking yourselves again and again "Why does the Lord allow me to suffer thus?" Just wait His time and you will see—yes you will see proofs of God's Father heart planning for you as we are seeing now.

"He never sends a joy not meant in love,
Much less a pain;
Our *gratitude* the sunshine comes to prove
Our Faith the rain!"

I am writing this in our home at Szepingkai, Manchuria, and as I write Dr. Goforth, Miss Graham, and Mr. Su are taking turns in preaching to the men and women gathered in the preaching halls just below.

Our force is so small and the numbers to be preached to are such we are forced to combine the men's and women's work, at least till we can get a larger force. Miss Cook and I both go down and help out as we are able. It means a great deal to keep the preaching going from 10 a.m. till after 7 p.m., with a break at noon for dinner. But oh it pays. It is really wonderful what we have seen already though we have been here only one month. After each address an opportunity is given for anyone present to confess Christ by holding up the hand or coming forward. Over one hundred have during this month taken this step who were entirely without a knowledge of Christ before we came here. The willingness of the people to hear and to receive tracts on the street or anywhere and the respect shown to us by all classes is such as we have never met with during nearly forty years' experience in this land. There is an entire absence of suspicion, as far as we can judge. No foreign missionary has ever lived here though it has been an "outstation" worked by the Irish Presbyterian Mission which body now has given it over to us.

In front, Evangeline Cook, niece of Miss Cook. *Second row,* left, Miss Graham, and Miss Cook. *At the back,* Miss Daddow a friend of Miss Graham.

Though here such a short time we have met with some very touching cases. Yesterday I went up the street to buy something and had gone only half a block when two women came running after me. They had in their hands tracts Miss Graham had given them. They looked at me so pleadingly as they told how they were from the country and could not read, but they heard what we were preaching was good. They begged me to teach them! Just imagine, dear friends! There on a busy street with a dozen or more men crowding around blocking the way. What could I do? I could scarcely keep from weeping for the very pity of it. I tried to explain and could just urge them both to come again to our hall and tell their villagers we invited them to come. One day an old man came in and seated himself several seats back from where Dr. Goforth was standing to preach. Dr. Goforth felt led to address himself directly to this old man though there were probably twenty others listening. It soon appeared that he was deaf so I got a stool and put it immediately in front of Dr.

Goforth and the old man sat there for three hours listening intently first while Dr. Goforth and two other speakers unfolded the way of life. As I listened to Dr. Goforth opening up the gospel message to that old and darkened mind it seemed again to me the Old, Old Story that never grows old. And oh how keenly interested the other listeners were, not only because of the message but because of the intense interest of the old man and the way Dr. Goforth led him on step by step. Before he left the old man said he believed and he has been back again. So the seed sowing goes on. We do praise God for this unhindered opportunity for telling out the gospel message, especially when China is in such utter chaos to the south of us, and all mission work practically at a standstill.

I want in closing this brief message to praise God for His wonderful mercy to me in bringing me through such serious attacks of illness. While by no means strong I do feel so thankful to be here with my dear husband and the others and have some part in founding this new work for our Church. Miss Graham laughingly says I am the pivot around which all moves. I reply that while the pivot is a very necessary thing to keep the wheels going it does little itself. As I am the only married woman in our little band I am praying for the single ladies' sake that I may be spared till a married couple joins us. We realize it means taking risks to send new missionaries out with China as she is but are we to wait till we can see everything clear before us? I am sure every one of you ladies at home would join us in earnest prayer for the sending out of a married couple at once if you could realize as we do here the need for them.

The New Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

OUR Church has just purchased a most desirable property at 156 St. George St., Toronto, for a Deaconess Home. This building was chosen with a view to convenience of location and convenience of students. It is situated in what is known as University Annex and is a few minutes' walk from the University campus and Knox College. It has easy access to four street car lines which makes transportation easy to all parts of the city. Its beautiful grounds provide ample room for tennis courts and garden fetes. Its southern exposure makes the Home particularly bright and sunny, the students' common room and the dining hall being especially fine airy rooms. There are, in addition, reception rooms for both the Principal and students. The architecture of the house lends itself to residential purposes and there is ample bedroom accommodation for resident students.

In choosing this site, the Assembly's Board of Administration hope that the new Missionary and Deaconess Training Home will prove a centre for the activity and entertainment of the young people of the Presbyterian Church.

The Home will open on October 8th with six second year girls, nine new girls and three medical students in residence, making a household of eighteen. A great many applications have been received which will mature next year. This year, there are three students from the Maritime Provinces,

Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

coming with bursaries of $100 each from the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division).

This institution of the Church deserves the prayerful and financial support of all its members, and the Principal spoke truly at our Council meeting when she said, "There is no department of the Church's activities so distinctively an index of the Church's life than institutions filled with young enthusiastic students, training to be worthy to carry on the King's business."

The Mission of Missions

Writing in the *Presbyterian Magazine*, Dr. Robert E. Speer, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of his Church, corrects in a thorough way in the following article, a very common misapprehension regarding missions and the relation of the Occident to the Orient. This misapprehension colors a considerable portion of the correspondence from China in the newspapers, and nearly all the radical utterances in religious weeklies and magazines seek to emphasize and perpetuate it.

"A FUNDAMENTAL conviction of our Church in the work at home and abroad is that it has in Christ the sufficient Gospel. The Church is not looking for a new and different Gospel. It has found the one and only Saviour. It is often said to-day that the old idea of missions as the effort to impart a knowledge of Christianity and to serve and help others, sharing with them whatever we have, must be laid aside in favor of a different idea, namely, that East and West must co-operate in a common search for truth and in an interchange of culture; that the office of the missionary is one of international and interracial understanding rather than of the conversion of individuals from one religion to another; and that in consequence missionaries and the whole missionary enterprise must get rid of their 'superiority complex' and conceive themselves not as givers, but as partners of others who are equally able to give and from whom the West needs to receive.

"As a matter of fact, the idea of the division of mankind into East and West, each with a distinct spiritual character and a distinct culture, is fallacious. There are no such distinct realities as Western and Eastern civilization. There are wider differences in the East and in the West, than there are between East and West. As distinct cultural entities East and West have no existence. There are true and false ideas and practices in every land and these need to be separated and the true and good conserved, but these ideas and practices are not associated with the points of the compass and they are not resident in single races. The general ideas that the East is spiritual and the West material, that the East is pacific and the West military, that the East has great idealistic and cultural values which the West does not know, are all, I believe, erroneous. There is far more materialism and less spirituality in China than in America, and there has always been less peace and tranquillity. As to idealistic and cultural values it is very much to be desired that they should be defined. There are noble qualities in the Chinese and Indian people, but they are not distinctively Chinese or Indian. They are simply the human qualities which are noble wherever they are found, as they are found everywhere in humanity. The West

as the West and the East as the East are no more distinct and in need of cultural interchange than North and South, or North-Northeast and South-Southwest. What is needed is that everywhere in all lands man should be set free from what is evil and bad and that human good should be built by God's help through Christ and His Gospel.

"But this way of stating the matter is only in answer to this erroneous view of missions. The true view, in our understanding, is the primitive and the historical view. We believe that Christ came as the universal Saviour. He was born in Asia, and the Bible, which tells His story, was written entirely by Asiatics, but He and the Bible are universal. They are not Western, and they are not Eastern. The missionary enterprise is the effort to make Christ known everywhere. At the beginning it was men of Asia who brought the knowledge to Europe. Now it is men of Europe and America who are taking it to Asia and Africa, but it is not at all a matter of interchange of civilizations or of comparing spiritual culture. It is a matter of making Christ known to all the world. And the Christian Church must not be intimidated from this view that it has something to give the rest of the world. It does have something to give, and foreign missions is the effort to give it, and the effort is at least as legitimate as the introduction of science, and especially of modern medicine and surgery into China.

"No one objects to that as evidence of an unwarranted Western 'superiority complex.' It is not Western science and medicine and surgery. It is the truth about these things, and that truth is universal not Western. The young men from China and India flock by the thousand to the universities and laboratories of Europe and America to get something here. Why should it be right for these selected individuals to come and get it and wrong to take it to the great multitudes of their countrymen? And the Christian faith is a truth and a treasure greater than any other that we possess. It is our duty to share it and to appeal to all men everywhere to take it as their own. It is theirs by the same title that makes it ours, and there are depths in it which will only be found as we explore them together, apprehending with all saints, as alone we can, the full dimensions of the love of God, and all attaining, as the only way in which any of us can attain, the unity of the faith and the stature of the fullness of Christ."—*Toronto Globe.*

The By-Product

One day the iron pierced my very soul,
Then flashing forth, transformed in deeds of steel,
Left in its place, ready to pay full toll
Of sympathy, a heart made quick to feel.

—Eloise Jansen.

Ottawa Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Thank-offering—1925

"For love's sake," Philemon 9.

Then the people rejoiced....because with perfect heart they offered willingly unto the Lord. 1 Chron. 29-9.

This meeting to which you are invited is held that all may have an opportunity of giving expression to their gratitude to God for His loving kindness and tender mercies through another year.

Subject of thankfulness:—

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Amount.....

Will each one write the special subject of thanksgiving, enclose the offering she desires to present, and bring or send to the meeting at

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THERE came into our hands recently the original of the above Thank-offering envelope. We read the verses printed on the front and turning it over, found, written on the back, in pencil, the following beautiful thoughts, on which to build a Thanksgiving message. The writer of the message was the late Mrs. John Thorburn, of Ottawa, and it must have been penned when she was over ninety years of age. In Scotland they speak of those who have rare spiritual perception and close intercourse with God as being "far ben" and this message comes to us to-day from one to whom this beautiful epithet applied.

Verses on envelope. Describe the chapter. Review chapter 28. The King—his thought of Solomon, his thanksgiving prayer. The people —exultant, rejoicing with joy above words, because offering willingly, and God's house was planned. Picture the scene—see chapter 2 Chron. 5:1, also chapter 7:1, 2, 3. No disappointment, they gave, and their testimony was "He is good." These people had Moses and the law, we have Christ and interpretation; they had prophets, we have the Holy Spirit; they had anticipation of the Messiah, we have realization. So as we come with thanksgiving, let us take our other verse, and bring it, not of necessity but for "Love's sake." Love is the greatest thing, Henry Drummond, Paul, John, Christ. Love the costliest thing in the world—mother's, love of country, love of Church. True love never lets go, George Matheson. Love not shown the same way, "Say it with flowers" does not always do. Miriam and Deborah; Dorcas and Lydia;

Lois and Anna; Mary Slessor, Florence Nightingale. Love's broken offering God makes whole. Broken rock. Esther. Alabaster box. Bread in the wilderness. Bread in upper chamber. Sometimes our experiences show broken families, hopes, ambitions, church associations, friendships, crushed grape gives wine, pressed olive gives oil, broken and contrite heart, eagle's nest, with love we give all, for joy is love exulting, peace, reposing; longsuffering, enduring; gentleness, refined; meekness, bowed head; goodness in action; temperance, true self love; faith, love confiding. "Bride's outfit."

"Love ever gives,—
Forgives—outlives,—
And ever stands
With open hands.
And, while it lives,
It gives.
For this is Love's prerogative,—
To give,—and give,—and give."
—*John Oxenham*

How One Auxiliary Raised $150 in One Evening

WHILE voluntary giving is the ideal method and the one our Society encourages, everyone does not practise it and many Auxiliaries find it necessary to resort to a different method to make up their allocation.

The W.M.S. of First Church, Brockville, carried through an idea at their Easter meeting that might be followed, in the main, at Thanksgiving time or later. It brought into service the talents of a number of people and netted one hundred and fifty dollars, exclusive of a Life Membership.

The programme was printed on a sheet of paper. This when folded in four gave a title page, two pages for the programme, leaving the back page for the list of their Life Members.

The programme was in two parts. The order of Part I was: Hymn. Prayer. Bible reading. Report. Minutes. Treasurer. Secretary. Presentation of Life Membership certificate. Address, "Beginning and Growth of the W.M.S. in (insert name of your Church) and Presbyterial." Hymn. Announcement of Thank-offering. Dedicatory Prayer. Doxology.

Part II was an Easter cantata rendered by a choir of thirty voices, members of the W.M.S.

In place of the cantata we would suggest that the Missionary and Patriotic Pageant, given at the Council, and prepared for the use of our Societies during Confederation year, might be used. It is in two parts and the teen-age girls or members of the Young Women's Auxiliary might present this. This would ensure a larger attendance and strengthen the bond between the different branches of the Society.—M.C.G.F.

Seven Ways of Giving

First—*The Careless Way*: To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiring into its merits.

Second—*The Impulsive Way*: To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and piety and sensibility prompt.

Third—*The Lazy Way*: To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.

Fourth—*The Self-denying Way*: To save the cost of luxuries, and apply them to purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacence.

Fifth—*The Systematic Way*: To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains—one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether rich or poor, and gifts would be largely increased if it were generally practised.

Sixth—*The Equal Way*: To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing all our personal expenditure by our gifts.

Seventh—*The Heroic Way*: To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson.*

Church Extension and the W.M.S.

"I AM so pleased to be able to forward the remaining blank sheet for organization. You will see by it that we have another Auxiliary in our Presbyterial. These are both the fruits of the enterprise to which the Council Executive contributed $150. We also have several Sunday Schools organized. There are several missions opened up and it has really been a great boon to this Presbyterial. We now have a mission at White Lake, Burnstown and Braeside. Douglas is to be another, and I believe two other points are opening also. We were fortunate in securing a very fine 'live' man, deeply spiritual, and so interested in the work. We hope before long to have more to report."

"To be alive in such an age,
To live in it, to give to it!
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,

Crave but to have in it a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age."

—Canadian Missionary Link.

OUR LETTER BOX

Travelling with Dr. MacBean to China

Stroud, Gloucestershire, England.

"We are having a wonderful motor trip through the cathedral towns of England. My cousin, Dr. Douglass, who is motoring us, knows every nook and byway of England. We spend each night at quaint old inns. Last night we stayed at 'The Bear Inn' up on the Cotswolds. I only wish we could have tarried a day or two up on the heights, but time for all is pressing.

We spent two days in the district known as 'the Potteries', and while there visited several of the well known potteries. Our best day was at 'Wedgewoods'.

The sister in charge of one of the hospitals of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, has patented a very splendid wire springs mattress and cover for a baby's cot—quite the best thing I have ever seen. She is sending me a complete set out to China—a gift from herself to our work. If I cannot go to Canton, I shall take it to Formosa and use it in the obstetrical wing there. She was a most delightful woman, and her hospital is filled with the most convenient and up-to-date appliances, many of them her own designs. The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, is a perfectly huge and wonderful institution."

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Paris.

"Here we are in Paris. We arrived to-day, (July 7th), after three wonderful days in Belgium with friends of Dr. Douglass. She boarded with them in Calais during the war, where they were living, being refugees from their own land. They took us to see some of the war zones—Dinant and Namur—two of the cities that suffered most and were almost wiped out. They are now built up and much more beautiful than before the war, but filled with sad memories for the people. I had no idea that Belgium was such a beautiful land or that it contained so many old and valuable things.

The news in to-night's paper regarding China is good and bad. It really looks as if some kind of action were going to be taken, at any rate, Peking is now the seat of the trouble, and that must mean that one of the factions will take it over. How I would love to hear direct news from the South, but fear there will be no word for me until I reach Hong Kong.

In London I was in the office of the London Missionary Society. The Secretary told me that Mr. Cousins and others of their Mission in Canton were sailing in September for Hong Kong, in the hope of getting

up to Canton, so they were not anticipating any very great trouble there.

We were at service in Calais last Sunday and heard Mr. Parker preach, he used to be a missionary in India and was quite interested in our coming trip there."

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Marseilles.

"We sail tomorrow, July 22nd, on the *S.S. Morea* for Port Said. We shall be so glad to see our trunks once more, for it is difficult travelling round this very hot weather with just a suit case. The trains are quite as dirty or worse than those at home and the heat has been excessive the past few weeks. Therefore, the steamer is going to look good to us. We are so tired we fear we will be lazy and not do all that we have planned in the way of reading, and writing up our trip. However, our intentions are good.

Just at the moment we wish we were not going to visit Palestine, but as we cannot go on with the boat but must get off at Port Said we know we shall feel rested by then and have the needed 'pep' to help us enjoy the trip.

They say 'see Naples and die'. Well we have seen Naples and I feel it has been greatly over-rated. Hong Kong is a much more beautiful city and harbor. Naples, of course, has the wonderful old historic surroundings and buildings, but it did not strike me as being very beautiful. Pompeii is wonderfully interesting with the smoking mountain towering above it, and all the priceless relics that South Italy has, makes a rich feast for tourists. We longed for more time to enjoy all the treasures of art and sculpture. We expect during the next five years to enjoy in memory the hurried days we spent on this trip."

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"Red Sea."

"Dinner is over and I am sitting out on the deck—trying to catch any breeze that may be wandering around. The day has been oh! so hot, but the good word has gone out that we are going to meet the monsoon in the Indian Ocean. It will bring coolness, perhaps rough weather and for those who are poor sailors, will not be a welcome exchange for the heat. To-day I got out my letters received in Montreal and London, and have just finished re-reading them. We have had no mail since London. I hoped for some in Port Said, but there were none. We are counting on Bombay or, at least, India, and great will be the grief if no letters are forthcoming there. June 16th was my last word and many things may have happened since then. I would so like news of China, but we are travelling away from letters as quickly as we can, so unless people have sent mail ahead of us, I fear we will not get much in India.

Well, we have met the monsoon! ! Such rolling of a ship I have

never seen, and we must put up with it until we reach Bombay. All moveable things have been tied securely and we just roll with the ship, it is impossible to walk and the poor stewards who wait on us are about exhausted trying to walk up an inclined plane, or keep from sliding down it. We will all be glad to get on land. To-day I felt that I must try to do a little writing, it has to be done on my knee as all tables have been lashed to posts., etc., and one could not sit at them anyway.

Our wireless is not bringing one word of China these days, perhaps there is nothing going on out there, but think some moves towards Peking are surely being made. There is a British military diplomat on board, he is an intensely interesting man and ready to fight the Russian Soviet to the death.

I am so sorry that malaria has been making me feel miserable the past two weeks, and I have lost twelve pounds. India may be kinder to me, but fear that our three weeks there will have to be very strenuous. The third of September will see us on board our steamer for Hong Kong and for me the last lap of a long journey that began May, 1926.

I expect to visit Miss Clearihue in Central India. We will not have time to visit any of the other stations, except perhaps the Wilkies in Jhansi. Dr. Douglass knows a doctor in a hospital there and is anxious to visit her. I will be able to see a little of our own work and report to you on the situation there from a visitor's standpoint."

—*Dr. Jessie A. MacBean*

At the Language School

Landour, India.

"Just now, as we are struggling with the language, it is such a comfort to know that back in the homeland prayers are rising daily for us. At times it seems as if I were at a standstill, as if my brain already held as much Hindi as I could possibly get, and then, when I look back a few months and realize how much more I can understand, it is a great encouragement. It is also a relief to realize that He who led me to come to India and has guided me so far, will not desert me now. He knows, even better than I, the great need there is for me to master the language and He will help me.

The very beauty of the scenery around us is an inspiration. Now that the rains have started everything looks so fresh. It is remarkable how quickly things become green again. There must be a great supply of moisture stored in the earth to keep the grasses and flowers through the hot dry season. Each day things grow more beautiful. The grass is all shades of green and flowers are springing up everywhere. Soon the mountain sides will be a riot of color. Already there are so many flowers, huge ones resembling our jack-in-the-pulpit, delicate blue and mauve flowers and

pretty blue irises, dahlias, too, are springing up everywhere. Even the trees have their share of growth for their branches are covered with green moss out of which ferns and tiny flowers are growing.

I can't quite get over the idea that it is spring. Indeed the weather is quite like April at home. One can never venture out without an umbrella and raincoat, but between the showers the sun comes out so brightly. The sunsets are particularly fine now. I wish I could describe them, but they baffle description.

In spite of the beauties around us, we are more than anxious to get back to work in Jhansi. We realize however that here we have greater opportunities of language study and will be more readily fitted for the work later on.

It is, I understand, very hot in Jhansi at present. The rains have not broken and Dr. Wilkie and Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin are not finding it as comfortable as we are. We hope they will soon come for they are needed so badly.

We had a letter from Mrs. Hawtin to-day. She said that it was very warm. To make things worse cholera is quite prevalent. A little daughter of one of the workers was brought in with it and died that night. At the funeral the next day, her father, Poona, took ill and died in a short time. Dr. Wilkie will feel badly as Poona was one of his best workers. The day Mrs. Hawtin wrote, Dr. Therrett of the Women's Union Mission, was inoculating all the people of the compound. We indeed hope that no more will take it.

Mrs. Hawtin is carrying on the school work until our return. I am sure she is hoping we will be able to take it over then. It must be a trial for Mr. Hawtin to be so far away. Unless he comes into Jhansi there is no other European near him.

We were so glad to hear of the nurse for our field and hope the doctor is assured by now. If we could only obtain some men workers to take the burden from Dr. Wilkie! We do so need earnest consecrated men to help in the work here. If only some one at home would heed the call and be ready to dare and bear all for Him!

Dr. Wilkie is looking forward to the coming of the nurse and Mrs. Maitland is hoping for friends and companions in their two new workers. Dr. and Mrs. Maitland are going down on Thursday. We will miss them here in Landour. Dr. Maitland has been pianist in the Church and plays beautifully. As we heard the many compliments on his playing we felt very proud to claim him as one of our missionaries. They are indeed an earnest Christian couple, so anxious for service, and will be a great power in India."

—*F. Irene Stringer*

Facing the Future With Gladness

On Board S.S. "Regina".

"At my farewell by Chalmers Church, Toronto, the Sunday School room was well-filled by our own people and friends from other Churches in the city. Chalmers people were very generous in their compliments and gifts. They gave me a beautiful purse with one hundred and eighty dollars in gold. The Young People added a steamer rug, and I received several boxes of candy, which I hope to be able to enjoy.

Rev. D. E. MacDonald told a story last night of little Paul Goforth. Some one asked him what he would like to be when he grew up and he said, 'a returned missionary.' I am sure he would have been quite safe in saying 'an outgoing missionary' if all experience the generous treatment that I have received.

We were banquetted in Montreal. With us were: the Rev. Dr. Ephriam Scott; Rev. Dr. R. W. and Mrs. Dickie; Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Reid; Rev. J. G. Potter; Miss Moore, sister-in-law of Mr. MacDonald; Mrs. Ryan; Mrs. Dougherty, and Miss Tennant, a friend of Miss Moore's. Later we attended the farewell service which was conducted by Dr. Scott. It was another happy occasion. We had an opportunity to meet the friends who were present, among whom were, Miss Reid of South China, and Mr. and Mrs. McLean, graduates of Toronto Bible College.

We came on board about ten o'clock and as visitors had to leave at eleven, we soon settled down and I had a perfect night's rest. Instead of sailing at dawn, we did not leave until eight a.m., so we shall only have a short stay at Quebec, not likely long enough to go ashore. Our rooms were changed to outside ones on a deck higher. I have a stateroom all to myself. That is lovely but I would like to have been sharing it with Miss McConnell or Miss Robson, or both of them!

I have not felt sad or lonely at leaving as one is expected to do. It is not that I am glad to get away, but I do feel that my steps in this matter have been guided by the Master and I am glad to have the opportunity for service, and have every reason to feel that I am safe in His keeping and as Dr. Dickie said, 'As His children, our duty is to be cheerful,' so I am trying." —*Marion H. Williamson*

McMurray, Alta.

"I made forty-five visits during the last three weeks in March, nothing of particularly note, the cases being a chronic asthmatic case, 'flu' and a bad heart case.

During the first week in April I attended a woman who had a very severe hæmorrhage, and I sat up with her all night. She had friends

staying with her and as she made a speedy recovery it was not necessary to remove her to hospital. I also attended a little baby with convulsions.

The second week in April I attended W.M.S. meetings in Edmonton, and derived much benefit therefrom. A few days after I arrived home, I admitted a maternity case and she remained in the hospital sixteen days. The poor little baby did not live; it was premature.

A week after the above patient was discharged I admitted a Chipewyan woman aged seventeen who came all the way from Fon du Lac, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles, by dog team, before the snow disappeared. She went for a visit to Edmonton and returned to have her baby here. It was the first time she had ever seen the city. The baby was just lovely and as white as snow. The husband is an Englishman.

Besides the above cases I attended a woman who was bitten by a dog and also a little boy who had been slightly bitten. And three or four other cases with minor ailments. In all I made twenty-two visits.

The chickens lay an egg every other day. The lady who looked after them for me has about half a dozen little chicks from them, and she is hoping to raise them."

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

Grateful Patients

McMurray, Alta.

"My one patient made good recovery and left on the boat last week for her long journey. She seemed very pleased, as she had another woman come and interpret for her and said she was sorry to leave me and she would miss me as I had been so kind to her. That seems to me wonderful repayment—sincere gratitude.

My other patient whom I am expecting daily, comes occasionally to see me, and I run in to see her, for she is a stranger in a strange land, and it has been a good opportunity of getting acquainted, as it were, with our Canadian ways, and, so far, she has appreciated any little attention I have given her.

Regarding the building. I have no qualms whatever about this winter, for I am not afraid to say that I am sure it will not be as cold as it was last year. One thing certain, it will not be any colder, and I am sure I can combat it, for I have a better idea and am in a better position to make preparation than I was last year.

It may be that my past years of pioneering has really fitted me for what seem 'hardships' to you, but are almost like second nature to me."

—*Miss Olive Ross*

Persian Work

—North Battleford, Sask.

"At present I work as follows: I have service on Sunday at 3.00 p.m., and in the evening I have a cottage meeting and that helps very much. We also practise singing in our own tongue, but I am sorry to say we have no hymn books in our language. Sometimes we sing Psalms, but our time is altogether different to yours. Our people are thankful to you now they say: 'Through you we hear the gospel in our mother tongue.' After a while I am going to start to teach our language and also English to those who wish to read, and have no education at all."

—E. O. Eshoo.

Art thou from service set aside—
Thy cherished hope and work denied?
The greatest task of all may be
To show steadfast serenity.
Not all is lost while we may make
One comrade stronger for our sake.

—Helena Coleman.

Prayer

"GRANT us this day, O Lord, an even mind toward life, enlightened by a discerning experience, stayed by unfaltering trust. Make us wise in the days when life buffets us and content that always in joy and sorrow we may have Thy blessing. Guide us as we need direction, recall us if we wander from Thy ways, reward us with inner peace when we have been obedient even though we have failed, but discipline us when we become wilful and rebellious. We cannot ask that Thou wilt order our lives according to our wishes, but we do ask that Thou wilt make us more than equal to their demands in body, mind and soul. Give us some useful if humble work to do, a few friends to love us, a fine cause to engage us—a little success, a little ease, and a well-earned rest when life's day is done. Forgive us our sins, commend our spiritual victories, vouchsafe Thy mercy on our ignorance and weakness, and by the love of Thy blessed Son, enable us to live honorably and die happily. Amen."

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

HILL-TOPS OF VISION

EDITH SINCLAIR

HOW often at camp this phrase flitted through the mind as one caught the rapt expressions on the faces of a group of girls as they sat around their tribal leader in Bible study, and discussed "Jesus and the Problems of Life" by Weston. Throughout Canada in the camps promoted by the Girls' Work Board of each province, this theme was followed for ten days, and from this "hill-top of vision" thousands of girls have come back to face the problems of every day life, and weigh them in the light of Jesus Christ.

And again as their hearts and souls poured forth in a volume of song, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "This is My Father's World," or "Unto the Hills Around," facing the morning or the evening sun, one felt that surely after this "hill-top of vision" these girls will be ever conscious of God's omnipresence.

And again, as they hiked, talked, swam or played games of various kinds, new hopes, new visions, new appreciations seemed to urge them on to a life of high endeavor.

The lingering farewells with "Oh! I hate to go back, for fear I can't see things the way I did at camp," challenges those of us who were not there to visualize carefully this experience and try to help our campers carry their "hill-top visions" into life. It means helping them to ever put first things first, to say as Jesus said, "Wist yet not that I must be about my Father's business," in the home, in the school, in the community.

In last month's issue of the *Glad Tidings* we referred to the duplicate registration. Kindly remember to register as soon as you re-organize.

Organized Sabbath School classes and Groups not linked up in the Canadian Girls in Training movement are urged to register with the Presbyterian Church in Canada by applying for the "Charter" being prepared by our Board of Sunday Schools and Y.P.S. By so doing you will be on our mailing list, and will receive all the help we can possibly render you.

Miss Marion Royce, Girls' Work Secretary, Church of Christ, has recently been appointed the National Girls' Work Secretary, succeeding Miss Mary Allison, United Church of Canada, who has been granted a year's leave of absence to study in Columbia University.

The Superior Presbyterial has arranged a leadership training class

September 19th-23rd in Fort William and Port Arthur alternately. Mrs. K. McKay and Miss E. Sinclair will be in charge.

Miss Edith A. Sinclair, our Girls' Work Secretary — a welcome visitor to the Western provinces.

The Toronto Girls' Work Board held three training classes for leaders of girls, September 26th-30th, Erskine United, Riverdale Presbyterian and Walmer Road Baptist. Miss Helen Cunningham, Miss Muriel Gray, Miss Lois McRae and Miss Reta McDonald were our representative leaders.

New Affiliated Group—"The Excelsior" Class of North Caradoc Presbyterian Church, Strathroy.

We would refer our leaders to the Programme Suggestions for Presbyterian Girls prepared by Miss E. Sinclair, for full information regarding the missionary programmes for 1927-28.

Heroes of Our Home Lands is to be the study book and each month further helps for missionary programmes will appear on this page.

A Missionary Service of Worship for Girls

A WORLD FELLOWSHIP

The President: And One saw from the shadow of the cross
Peace in the world, a common brotherhood
Each seeking lovingly the other's good
Finding his life through losing all its dross;
One Father smiling on the faults forgiven
As all come arm in arm and happily
Like little children to the Father's knee
The earth at last become the kingdom of heaven.

Frederick Peterson

The Leader: Call to Worship

O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who alone doeth wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise Him all ye people.

Silent prayer, then with bowed heads sing:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

The Leader: God is no respecter of persons.

Girls: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted unto Him.

The Leader: God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

Girls: Neither is worshipped with men's hands as though He needeth anything, seeing He giveth to all life and breath and all things;

The Leader: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the time before appointed and the bounds of their habitation,

Girls: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.

The Leader: For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Hymn: 388, or 382 or:

In Christ there is no east or west
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

(Tune: Psalm 52).

Pray for:

God's children everywhere.

Our missionaries who are laboring to bring these to Christ.

A blessing on the means which they employ: evangelistic, medical, or educational.

Pray in unison:

Dear Father of all, as we pray for these Thy children may we pray also for strength for ourselves that we may make the most of our many opportunities. May we grow daily more like Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, giving our lives in the service of others.

North and south, and east, and west,
To the glory of the Father
Son and Spirit ever blest. Amen.

The following are our Mission fields. Remember especially one field each evening; and the missionaries working there. India, China, Formosa, Japan, British Guiana. In Canada, work among Persians, Indians, Chinese, Hungarians, Jews, Ukrainians, Welcome and Welfare work, School Homes, and Hospitals.

MISSION BANDS

A Message from Your Secretary

TO our leaders and boys and girls of the Mission Bands, greetings and good wishes as you take up the winter's work. We hope all will enjoy meeting other boys and girls in their study, of "New Chums". "From ocean unto ocean," in this, our dear land, we have been thanking and praising God for His goodness to us during the last sixty years and we would suggest that in November our Bands hold a Thanksgiving rally.

Begin with "A Children's Service"—which will be sent free on application—then we offer the following Thanksgiving rally acrostic. The carrying out of this programme we leave to our leaders who know their boys and girls, only hoping that they will realize that it is their own special service. This service and the chosen study book seem most appropriate this Confederation year.

Our motto—"One Fold, one Shepherd" (in unison). *Rally song*—"Saviour Like a Shepherd". *Mission Band Prayer* (See February *Glad Tidings* page 57).

Two further suggestions about our work. First, that Presbyterials or Auxiliaries, Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups put on, before the close of the year, our Patriotic and Missionary Pageant. Second, that leaders will remember that the stories in "Our Children's Hour" will prove a help in the study of Canadians old and new.

May this be a happy year full of good works, dear leaders and Band members.

—*Laura A. Dill*

Thanksgiving Rally

T For the *Thankfulness* that we feel in our hearts to-day for the W.M.S., the wonderful organization of which we form a part, and for the work that it has been able to do for over sixty years. We shall tell you a few of the things it stands for.

H For the *Hospitals*—four in our own land and one in Formosa—and there is an urgent cry for more, where many sick are daily nursed back to health, and where many children are not only healed in their bodies but are taught about Christ.

A For the *Auxiliaries* throughout Canada which are carrying on the work of the W.M.S. and are working, praying, giving and living for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the world.

N For the *Nation of China* which at this time needs our prayers, and for China's millions who need and must be given the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

K For the *Koreans* in Japan and for the women and children in Formosa who are asking for teachers who will instruct them not only in the Bible but in better methods of living.

S For the *Supplies* which we all help to get ready to send to our Indian Schools, Hospitals, School Homes and Missionaries in the far west. Our Mission Band has sent picture-books, knitted wash-cloths and clothing—and this year we have made a quilt. (adapt this to your own Band).

G For *Gratitude* to the Council which directs all our work. We perhaps do not talk very much about it, but we are grateful to-day for the women who do the planning for all the work that is done, and above all we are grateful to God for His great goodness to us.

I For the *Industrial Work* of the W.M.S. In many of our mission stations the women and older children are taught to sew and embroider and at the same time they hear the message of the Gospel of Christ.

V For the *Visiting* that is done by the workers who call upon and welcome the strangers who come to our land. This is the Welcome and Welfare Department and, although many speak in a foreign tongue, kindness is a language that all can understand.

I For *India*, a wonderful land, but one where there hangs a cloud of wrongs over the women and children. We are glad to belong to an organization which is trying so hard to bring light into the darkness of that land.

N For the *North West* of our own land where the Indian children are gathered into Boarding Schools, and our own Canadian boys and girls

from distant places are brought together in School Homes where they live under the care of a Christian matron while they attend school.

G For the *Gifts*—of money and service—which all must give if this great work is to be carried on. How much money went into our mite-boxes this summer?

R For the *Responsibility* that all must feel for the work among the students, in order that each year new missionaries may be sent out to carry the good news to those who know it not.

A For the *Aim* of our Mission Band which is to help in every way we can and to do our best to get others interested in winning the world for Christ.

L For the *Literature* that is being prepared and distributed by the Literature and Library Departments so that more may know of the work that is being done.

L For the *Life Memberships* that help to increase the funds of the W.M.S. We are proud to say that our Mission Band has (fill in number) Junior Members who, in time, expect to become Life Members.

Y For the *Young People's Work* in all departments, including Young Women's Auxiliary, Teen-Age Girls' Group and our own Mission Band of which we are so proud and so thankful to tell you about to-day.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. H. Acheson, 11728-94th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

Mr. JAMES W. HALL, who has been appointed Superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Homes, Vegreville, has gone down with his wife and a capable assistant, to take up his work in good time for the opening session.

Miss Janet Isabel McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McRae, Edmonton, has been engaged by the W.M.S. for the Vegreville School which they support.

The furnace at the hospital is undergoing repairs, and the Hospital Aid Society, Vegreville, intends to install a furnace in the nurses' home, and to make other improvements.

The "Roland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, set in two acres of ground, was opened October 29, 1906, with Miss Playfair, afterwards Mrs. Broadfoot, of South China, as first matron. In 1924, 306 cases—39 obstetrical—were treated. Miss MacPherson is the present superintendent. There is a nurses' home in connection.

The school homes, one for boys and one for girls, are comparatively new, with modern conveniences of light and water. The first was opened August, 1910. These school homes were started when Dr. Arthur was superintendent of the hospital. Children who had been treated there, or who had come in when their parents were being treated, first were cared for in Dr. Arthur's own home. Then his mother opened the first home, in a rented house, heated by stoves, and lit by coal oil lamps; with bare rooms and few comforts; where the children did the dishes, prepared the vegetables, tidied their rooms, milked and fed the cow. This first home, accommodating 8-10 children grew to three, and even for a while, to four. Eventually a Girls' Home was built to accommodate all the girls, and later the Boys' Home was built and equipped. There are about four acres in the grounds around the homes, and also a small house, used for school and meetings.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. F. PALMER, 34 HEWITT AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Tara, on May 12th, 212 delegates representing the 18 Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial. The President, Mrs. Reith, presided. Reports from the various secretaries showed a marked increase in all departments. Membership 552, an increase of 53. Receipts $3,000.54. Allocation exceeded by $525.00. At the afternoon session the delegates were welcomed by Miss M. Macdonald of Tara. The President's interesting address was based on Woman's Work in the Church. Mrs. Dill in a highly instructive address coupled the work of the W.M.S. with the Mission Bands. At the evening session, Rev. D. E. Macdonald gave an inspiring review of the work, past and present, in far away India. The next annual meeting will be held in Owen Sound.

Maitland P.S.—With a record attendance the thirteenth annual meeting assembled in Knox Church, Kincardine, on May 17th. Mrs. Perrie, President, occupied the chair. Reports from the different secretaries were very encouraging showing 19 Auxiliaries, 578 members, 215 meetings with an average attendance of 364; 19 Life Memberships, 2 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 2 C.G.I.T. Groups, 85 Home Helpers, 11 Mission Bands, with 368 members, 22 Junior Members, 450 subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Coombe of Kincardine, and Mrs. Perrie in her Presidential address stressed "Wholeheartedness." Mrs. G. Douglas brought a splendid report of the Provincial Meeting held at Brockville, and kind words from the Presbytery were conveyed by Rev. Mr. James. Many interesting things about the Bhils were told by Miss Robson, of Amkhut, concerning their customs and dress, position of women, their superstitions, and great

natural intelligence. Much nas been accomplished but much remains to be done. Miss Robson returns assured that God is working out His bright design for the Bhils. An inspiring address was given by Miss Rattee of the Redemptive Home, Toronto. The address of the evening was by Dr. MacGillivray, Moderator of the General Assembly. The next annual meeting is to be held in Teeswater.

Kingston P.S.—The annual meeting convened in Stirling, May 31st and June 1st, seventeen Auxiliaries were represented by 62 delegates. Special speaker Miss Edith Sinclair of the Girls' Work Board. Interesting and encouraging reports were received. Two new Auxiliaries and one Mission Band were reported. A beautiful new Mission Band banner was presented by the President.

Saugeen P.S.—At the May meeting of the Arthur Auxiliary a Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Margaret Doidge, one of the oldest and most faithful ladies of the congregation.

Peterborough P.S.—A splendid attendance and excellent programme are reported from the annual meeting with Mrs. Kannawin, Toronto, and Miss Dickson, of South China, as special speakers. The corresponding secretary's report showed 24 Auxiliaries, 8 of which are in Minority Groups and 3 Y. W. Auxiliaries. A membership of 655, an increase of 136 over last year. The allocation was exceeded by $522.77. Mrs. Kannawin's inspirational address was of a very high order while Miss Dickson's talk, as she outlined the work being done amongst the Chinese residents of Canada was most informing. A beautiful memorial service for Miss Jean Dulmage was presided over by Miss Dickson.

Smith's Falls.—The ladies of Westminster Church at their July meeting, presented our much loved veteran India missionary, Dr. O'Hara with a Life Membership certificate, while she in turn delighted them with a vivid word picture of a day's work in India.

THREE KINDS OF GIVERS

Someone has said that there are three kinds of givers—the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb.

To get anything out of a flint, you must hammer it, and then you can get only chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge, you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you will get. But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard. They give nothing away if they can help it. Others are good natured. They yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed, the more they will give. A few delight in giving, without being asked at all. Of these, the Bible says: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

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Entered into Rest

CARR—At St. Mary's, on June 22nd, Mrs. Joan Muir Carr, a member of First Church Auxiliary, St. Mary's, and a Life Member of the W.M.S.

AINSLIE—At Leamington, on July 13th, Mrs. Jane Muir Ainslie, the beloved Honorary President of Knox Church Auxiliary, Leamington, and a Life Member of the W.M.S.

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I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *the sum of* ..... *to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.*

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Treasurer's Statement

August 31st, 1927

RECEIPTS

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS

Alberta	$ 600.00
British Columbia	175.00
Ontario	3,000.00
Quebec	1,000.00
	$4,775.00

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital.	$ 93.20
Canora Hospital	60.10
Vegreville Hospital	200.00
Persian Work in Canada	150.00
Govt. Grant paid "Cecilia Jeffrey" School	2,523.00
Govt. Grant paid Birtle School	3,286.52
Indian School, Birtle	58.00
New Liskeard School Home	160.26
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Vegreville School Home	249.90
Social Service	9.00
India	208.00
South China	1,590.83
Formosa	546.80
Publications	191.97
Church Extension	4.50
Miscellaneous	41.63
Administration	88.76
	$9,504.84

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on Hand July 31st, 1927	$37,512.50	
Receipts	4,775.00	
Disbursements		$ 9,504.84
Pension Fund		5,080.43
Sustaining Fund		10,098.46
Legacy Fund		3,136.29
Bank Balance		14,282.47
Cash on hand		185.01
	$42,287.50	$42,287.50

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The Annual Report is ready—We hope our members will make use of the report and refer constantly to it for, after all, without the work of the members there could be no report.

The Burning Bush and Canada.—By Rev. R. G. McBeth, D.D., $1.00.

Please keep the September *Glad Tidings* for reference. The editorial notes outline the studies for the coming year.

The *Glad Tidings*—Sometimes one is apt to overlook that which is close at hand, to take for granted that which would be deeply missed if one did not get it so regularly and so easily. Do not fail to make full use of it. Refer in your meeting to the letters, the requests for prayer and the inspirational messages, that members will go home to re-read their copies.

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Editorial

OUR NEW STUDY BOOK is to be called "The Royal Road." The name has caught the fancy of our people and our choice has met with general approval. This book is our contribution to the Jubilee year of Confederation and is designed to give our members some idea of the extent and resources of our country, the early history of our Church, and the work of our W.M.S. during the past sixty years. But it is intended to perform an even greater service—to show at what a cost the royal road on which we of to-day travel has been built, and to give us a picture of that great host of pioneers in church and state, at home and abroad, men and women, who with toil-hardened hands, and with loyal hearts and at untold sacrifice, but with undaunted courage and a great faith in the future of Canada and the cause of Christianity, made smooth the road for the feet of those who would follow. Surely we, the inheritors of such a past, and trustees for a still greater future, will accept this trust which has come to us at such a cost and do our share to build and to repair, not only in Canada, but to the uttermost parts of the earth, that royal road that leads through service up to God.

The book will contain fourteen chapters, and will be prefaced by a foreword by our President, Mrs. McKerroll. In view of this being Confederation Celebration Year, part one will deal with Canada and our National missions and part two with our Overseas work. The general plan and suggested titles are as follows:

PART I: 1. *The New Highway*—The History and Resources of Canada; 2. *A Guardian of the Way.*—The Presbyterian Church in Canada; 3. *The First Trail*—The Northwest Indians; 4. *Guideposts*—Education, Library and Supplies; 5. *By the Roadside*—Hospitals and Social Service; 6. *Travellers from the Land of Sinim*—Chinese in Canada; 7. *Wayfarers*—Jews, Persians, Hungarians; 8. *Roadmakers*—Field Secretaries; 9. *By the Sea*—W.M.S. (Eastern Division).

PART II: 10. *The Indian Way;* 11. *Footpaths in Formosa;* 12. *This Road or That?*—China; 13. *Roads Below the Sea*—British Guiana; 14. *Breaking New Trails in Japan.*

The book will be illustrated and should be ready in time for the holiday season.

The material for this book has been gathered from many sources and from many people, among them our missionaries, Secretaries and W.M.S. members, but to Miss Muriel Gray has fallen the responsibility of weaving the material into a consecutive story of the work of our W.M.S.

WE FEEL HIGHLY HONORED indeed in having a story from the pen of Dr. J. S. Gale of Korea in this issue. We heard him tell it to the children of Parkdale Presbyterian Church the Sabbath he preached there, and we coveted it for our Mission Band boys and girls. When we asked Dr. Gale for it and for an article on his work in Korea he graciously acceded to our request. When the story came, appended to it was this interesting note about the story. "It has," he said, "this merit at least, that never before has it been done into English and no other Westerner has ever had knowledge of it. For many years I have made a study of Korean literature. Most interesting have been the people I have met and the deeds that I have found recorded in these ancient Chinese volumes. This is a sample."

Dr. Gale is a Canadian by birth and a graduate of Toronto University. Forty years ago he went to Korea as a pioneer missionary representative of the University Y.M.C.A. and later joined the missionary staff of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. He became chief translator of the Bible, the Pilgrim's Progress, a Korean dictionary and many other works. He has also written and published a history of the Korean people and is widely known through his writings. He is acknowledged to be one of the most famous Chinese scholars in the East, and is a great student of ancient Chinese literature. He is a Doctor of Divinity as well as a Bachelor of Arts, and was for many years a professor in the famous Theological Seminary of Peng Yang, Korea. He left Toronto on October 25th for England where he expects, in future, to reside.

THE COMING OF THE POSTMAN is always a source of interest to your Editor. He brings such unexpected things from such unexpected sources. One day in October, for instance, he brought a large square envelope which, on being opened, was found to contain an article entitled, "John Calvin's House." It came to us with the compliments of Mrs. Campbell, St. George's Manse, Croydon, Presbyterian Church of England, and the strange thing about it is that its arrival solved a difficulty for the Editor, who was wondering what material she would use to fill the space left vacant for an article which had been promised but had not arrived in time. On behalf of our readers we would thank the unknown friend whose contribution has so greatly enriched our columns.

OUR NEW GIRLS' SCHOOL HOME in Saskatoon has been formally dedicated and opened. It has been stated that, in establishing this Home in Saskatoon, the W.M.S. has undertaken one of the most important services in the history of the life and work of the Church in Saskatchewan. For Presbyterian parents it will be an untold blessing to know that, when their girls have to leave home to continue their education, they may send them to this institution and feel that here their daughters will enjoy a happy home life with their studies and all their activities under the direction of a Christian woman as superintendent, who will take a personal interest in every one of them. In the choosing of the students preference will be given to those taking the public school course or high school training. We commend to the prayers of our members this gift of our W.M.S. to the girlhood of Saskatchewan.

ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, a school was opened on the Mistawasis Reserve in the home of Mrs. W. N. Moore, the wife of the Presbyterian missionary in charge. There are about forty children on the Reserve, fifteen of school age and twenty-five under school age. The government officials are in sympathy with this experiment and should it prove a success they will probably provide the usual per capita grant and in time, perhaps, a school.

OUR READERS WILL REJOICE to learn that the Council is now negotiating for a School Home in Huntingdon, Quebec. This is a new piece of work and we would suggest that in token of our gratitude over the re-establishing of our work in the Province of Quebec we add a little bit more to our gifts during this month of national thanksgiving.

MISS MACPHERSON, Superintendent of Vegreville Hospital, reports that they had a busy month, as many as fifteen patients and seven babies have been in the hospital at one time. The necessary repairs to the building, which are nearing completion, will mean added comfort for the nurses and further equipment promised will be very welcome to the members of staff.

OUR MEMBERS WILL BE DELIGHTED to hear that a Presbyterian Sabbath School has been started in connection with our Vegreville School Homes. It was organized on September 11th by Mr. Hall, the Superintendent. There are thirty pupils and three teachers. The three classes meet in our own school building, the Bible class in the study in the Home. Miss McRae, our school teacher, and two of the older girls act as teachers of the three classes and Mr. Hall is Superintendent and Bible class teacher.

THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED as to how long officers, and particularly presidents, should hold office. As a general principle it is advisable that honors and responsibilities should be passed round as much as possible. This may mean that one woman may not become quite as efficient, but a larger number will become familiar with the details and share in the development of the work. While it is the general policy of the W.M.S. that changes shall, in future, be made in the presidency of the Council, the only rule in our constitution, (No. VII, page 161), is that relating to the President of the Council. Common sense has to be used in the application of the principle of change. For example, one woman could become Welcome and Welfare Secretary and visit the people in the locality, while another could serve in some other office, but would find it impossible to make more than one or two calls in a year because of other duties. It will be readily understood that no one rule can apply equally to all places. In the choice or changes in officers, each Society must be governed by its own circumstances. There is no rule on the subject except the above quoted.

THE REPORT FORMS FOR AUXILIARIES, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands for 1927 will be sent out shortly. They will go direct from the printer to the respective Secretaries in each Presbyterial. This method was tried last year for the first time and the Provincials ask that it be continued as it reduces the expense of postage, is a saving in time, and lessens the work of the Provincial officers.

The Provincial forms will go to the Provincial Secretaries as usual, together with a sample of each form sent to the Presbyterial Secretaries.

The order of returning the form remains the same. They go from the branches to the Presbyterial, from the Presbyterial to the Provincial, and from the Provincial to the Council Secretaries. Sending them to the Council is one of the most important duties, for if this be overlooked the Secretaries cannot expect to have the returns appear in the Annual Report. The same plan is being followed with the Treasurer's and Supply report forms. To ensure safe delivery Provincial Secretaries are asked to please register their parcels to headquarters.

In making out reports would Secretaries please verify all names, initials, addresses, and, if possible, print rather than write them and thus reduce corrections which are always costly.

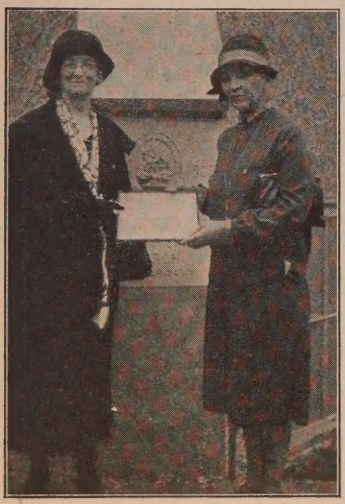
Should additional forms be required apply to Miss Jessie Parsons, 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ontario.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE for Thank-offering meetings entitled, "Let Us Give Thanks Unto the Lord" is in great demand. British Columbia Provincial Society was so impressed with it that they ordered one hundred copies and are sending one to every Auxiliary.

REV. W. L. CLAY, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, who is making a tour of the Dominion in the interest of the Church, has, in speaking in both the east and the west, taken occasion to openly commend the valuable work being done by the W.M.S. for the Church and the great cause of missions.

THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING the members of the Commission will be interested in this extract from a letter from Vancouver:

"We more than enjoyed having Mrs. Strachan with us, she was a great inspiration and her coming was a great help. We had lovely weather and the 'Commission folks' and the rest of the Presbyterian party sailed out of port in fine style as the boat was specially decorated with thousands of vari-colored streamers thrown from the decks to the crowds lined up along the new C.P.R. pier."



MRS. H. PILLAR, MRS. D. STRACHAN

This picture shows Mrs. Strachan presenting Mrs. Pillar, President of British Columbia Provincial Society, with an Honorary Membership, the gift of the W.M.S. members of that province. The happy event took place during the Presbyterial Rally, September 21st, the presentation being made in front of the corner stone of the new Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, just prior to Mrs. Strachan's sailing on the *Russia* for the Orient.

WHEN MISS SINCLAIR, OUR GIRLS' WORK SECRETARY, was in Ontario, newspapers reported the Young People's gathering at which she spoke, thus: "Large and enthusiastic audiences are attending all these meetings and Miss Sinclair's visit is proving of great value to the work of the girls. She carries with her a message that grips and spreads the enthusiasm which she has gathered from her work." Now turn to the page devoted to Girls' Work and read for yourselves what the western newspapers say of her message to the girls of the west and their response.

OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, the other member of the Church Commission appointed by the Assembly to visit our overseas fields, leaves for India on November 2nd, by C.P.C. steamer *Mount Royal* from Montreal. All correspondence should be addressed to her at the W.M.S. office, 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 2. She sails sooner than expected but a cable from Kobe says "Commission reach India December 15th." Miss Bertha Robson, who has been in Canada on furlough, sailed for India on the *Regina* from Montreal, on October 29th. As these W.M.S. representatives fare forth on the work of the Church let us surround them with our prayers.

STAFF APPOINTMENT. Miss J. I. McRae, of Edmonton, has been appointed assistant matron of the Boys' School Home, Vegreville, and Miss Jessie J. Adams has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Presbyterian Girls' School Home, Saskatoon.

The Treasurer Says:

"NOW that we have come safely through the most difficult part of our financial year, I would like to thank all our Provincial and Presbyterial Treasurers for the promptness with which they have forwarded money to me, thus enabling us to meet the very heavy demands made upon us this summer.

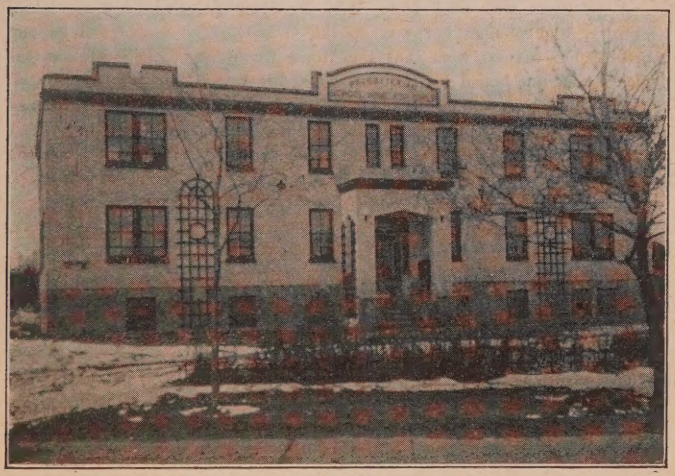
But, who made it possible for our Treasurers to do this? Our whole membership, our women and girls from the Atlantic to the Pacific, who gave regularly, generously, and, I am sure in many, many instances, with great self sacrifice.

Why was this summer so hard? First, because we only took over all our fields, our hospitals, school homes, Indian work, etc., the first of May and so quite doubled our salary list and this at a time when we had used up all our savings by paying back our indebtedness of $85,000. to the United Church. Then, we had to equip and pay the passage of four new missionaries, two to India and two to Formosa. All this has been done and without having to borrow as we feared.

Now we have to pay back the $20,000 we borrowed from our Sustaining Fund in the spring, along with the interest on it, and we have not yet heard what our share of the Commission expenses is to be. When this indebtedness is paid we will be able to meet our estimates but with nothing left for expansion this year. But I feel that if every Auxiliary, Presbyterial and Provincial meets its allocation for this year, we will be able to look forward to doing some very worth while work in our W.M.S." —*(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald*

The Presbyterian Girls' School Home, Saskatoon, Dedicated

GREETINGS from the Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were brought to the dedicatory services of the new School Home for girls on Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon, Friday afternoon, September 16th, by Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Moose Jaw. Mrs. Horne was among the special guests for the services which attracted a wide circle of interested friends in the Saskatoon-Prince Albert Presbytery.



PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL HOME FOR GIRLS, SASKATOON

The meeting was presided over by the moderator, the Rev. W. G. Brown, the Rev. J. R. Graham of Prince Albert, clerk of the Presbytery, leading in the scripture reading. In a short address the moderator dedicated the home "to the service and the honor and glory of God," closing with a short dedicatory prayer.

A full account of the building of the new School Home was given by Mr. W. H. Sharpe, chairman of the building committee.

Greetings from the Saskatoon-Prince Albert Presbyterial were brought by Mrs. Wm. Grant, the President, who expressed the greatest of confidence in the success of the new undertaking, especially with Miss Violet Scott as superintendent.

Miss L. K. Pelton, Field Secretary of the W.M.S., brought greetings from the field declaring that in her opinion the present home was one such as had been the ideal of all the groups of women who had contributed to its building.

The message of the Council President, Mrs. McKerroll, was read by Mrs. H. R. Horne, who in her address spoke of other institutions conducted by the W.M.S. similar to the new School Home here and congratulated the Saskatoon home on its high standard. She commended the object of the school homes, that of moulding the character of the young womanhood of the country and making of them the best citizens.

A telegram was read from Mrs. D. Strachan, Council Educational Secretary, who was on her way to the Orient. She sent greetings and expressed her earnest wish that the Home would accomplish all that the dedication service hoped for.

Miss Scott, the superintendent, welcomed the visitors and expressed her appreciation to the women of the community for their help in making the School Home possible. There are, she said, tremendous opportunities here for influencing the girls.

A very lovely solo was rendered by Mrs. Wright, Choir Conductor at St. Andrew's Church.

Following the services of dedication the guests were invited to inspect the building which had been made most attractive with quantities of flowers.

The new building houses 34 girls and there are at present but two vacancies. The majority of the boarders are collegiate girls, with a few attending Normal school and business college.

Our New Girls' Home in Saskatoon

MISS VIOLET SCOTT

This article was not sent for publication but the writer has given such a lovely picture of the intimate home life that we felt we must share with our readers the joy that came to us as we saw our ideal for that Home realized.—EDITOR.

THERE was no doubt about the Home being full this term, as the applications came in early. By the first of September we received more than we could take care of. I kept them all, as there are always a few who drop out for various reasons and so I have filled up all the vacancies until now the Home is full with thirty-four students. There are girls attending university, normal, business college and the two collegiates, which means a great variety of interests and difference in the ages of the girls.

We were so glad to have the Dedication before the fall weather came and while the garden still looked nice, for the lawn was a great success and I had also some beautiful dahlias in bloom in the front so that the new, unsettled look had quite disappeared from the grounds. Our garden at the back was not really a success this year as it was impossible to get the ground ready early enough, but even with all the discouragements connected with it, we had enough corn for several meals, have been using our own cabbage and ripe tomatoes and have enough green ones to make into pickle and jam, while there will be sufficient carrots, beets, parsnips and turnips to last us for some time, so, after all, our efforts have not been entirely wasted, and next year the ground will be ready for cultivation as soon as the weather is suitable.

MISS VIOLET SCOTT
Superintendent

The girls took such an interest in the formal opening and dedication and did all they could to help to get ready for it. They had their rooms in perfect order before going to school in the morning and assisted in so many ways to make the house look attractive. Mrs. Horne noticed at breakfast that the flower vases on the tables were formerly jam jars of various shapes and sizes and before noon she presented us with pretty vases all filled with flowers from the gardens of some of our good friends, which added greatly to the attractiveness of the rooms.

The dedication service was simple and impressive. It was held in the girls' sitting room which opens into the large reception hall lending itself very nicely to an affair of this kind. We had arranged chairs in both places and had a goodly number of interested friends at the service. The girls assisted in showing them over the building afterwards.

We were delighted to have Mrs. Horne with us for the occasion and more than pleased when we found she could remain a few days in the Home. On the following Sunday evening she spoke to the girls informally as we sat around the grate fire, telling them the story of our W.M.S. in the most interesting way, weaving into it the ideals and desires of the women who are helping to make the work here and abroad possible. We were so glad to have her as a representative from the Council to explain just why this Home is here, its aim, ideals and standards which she did

in her gracious way, winning the interest of the girls and bringing to them the thought that they also had a contribution to make to the Home.

I wish I could give you some idea of the happy spirit which prevailed at our last Sunday afternoon class and the great pleasure Miss Pelton and I experienced at the close of it. Miss Pelton has relieved me entirely of the Sunday class and I have had the pleasure of enjoying her talks with the girls and sharing in the very fine discussions which these studies have provoked. The first Sunday she developed the idea of worship, the next was service, and the one preceding last Sunday, the Christian's standard of life and service. It all seemed to follow along so beautifully and after Mrs. Horne's talk the Sunday evening before it was easy to present our work as an organization and bring before the girls the idea of becoming a part of it. We had decided that the time had come for some form of organization and had mentioned it the week before so that they would think it over and discuss it among themselves. We did not know how they felt about it and came to the class wondering what their decision would be. After the opening exercises Miss Pelton talked to them and never have I heard her speak more beautifully to girls. When it came to the question as to whether they would organize a Sunday study class and become affiliated with the W.M.S. holding one Sunday a month for missionary study and taking an offering that day for the work, we wondered what the feeling would be. The girls expressed themselves splendidly in the discussion which followed and we found them heartily in favor. Their happy response and enthusiasm was very sweet and we could not help but feel as we talked it over afterwards that the days of stress and strain through which we had been passing had been more than worth while in the results which followed that afternoon meeting. They organized into a study class with a very carefully chosen slate of officers and committees. Miss Pelton asked them to think carefully before nominating and to try and not let the personal affections enter into it too much, but to really endeavor to choose those whom they felt were best suited to hold office. We could not help noticing how quickly certain qualities in the different girls chosen had been recognized and we are very happy in their choice of an Executive. We feel now that we have a centre in the Home life here from which we can work and which will encourage that spirit of co-operation which is so essential in making for real home-life in a place of this kind. Already they are talking of teas and various other entertainments in connection with the class and apart from that have organized themselves into three groups one of which will take care of the entertainment one Friday in each month until Christmas.

Just before the close of the meeting last Sunday we had the installation of officers, Miss Pelton leading us in prayer. I was made Honorary

President, but the girls have their own officers who will take the meetings, I shall only conduct the study period. This will be a great help and they have also offered to conduct their own meeting, planning the programme and carrying it out for the two Sundays I shall be alone before Miss Adams comes.

It would be impossible to tell the many reasons I have had for being heartily thankful that I have had Miss Pelton with me in these first days. In all our planning we have been so one in our thought for the Home and it has meant a great deal to develop the work together and to see it gradually becoming established.

Miss Alma M. Burdick Designated to Mission Work in Formosa

A SERVICE of unusual interest to Presbyterians in British Columbia was held in Fairview Church, Vancouver, on Monday evening, September 21st, when a large gathering was present to witness the designation of Miss Alma M. Burdick for educational and evangelistic work in Formosa. The designation service was conducted by Rev. Alex. Esler, D.D., Moderator of Westminster Presbytery. Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia, represented the Board of Missions, and Mrs. D. Strachan, of Toronto, the Council of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. H. Pillar, Provincial President, spoke words of greeting and presented Miss Burdick with a handsome Bible, the gift of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. James Herd, President of Westminster Presbyterial, presented the gift of the Canadian Bible Society, a Chinese Bible.

Mrs. Strachan addressed Miss Burdick on behalf of the Council Executive and said "what a great joy it was to the Council that so many young women were offering themselves for national and overseas work." Mrs. Strachan assured Miss Burdick of the staunch support of the 1,450 branches and 42,000 members of the W.M.S. pledged to stand behind her with their prayers, and also expressed a hope that some of the young women present would be willing to follow Miss Burdick's example, making a special plea for a young woman of musical ability and also a university graduate with normal training for high school work in Formosa, and a teacher for India.

Miss Mary Coleman had been delegated to express in a tangible way the good wishes of the Young People's Societies of the Presbytery by a gift of a silver sugar and cream service to Miss Burdick. Mrs. M. Currie, on behalf of Fairview Women's Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership and the pin, and W.M.S. emblem. Mr. Nicholson conveyed warmest greet-

ings from the congregation by bestowing a handsome steamer rug, and Margaret Hathey said the Sunday School wished to do honor to one of its members by subscribing annually to the Sunday School Times, little May Bennett presenting a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Rev. Walter Ellis, minister of Fairview Church, gave added testimony of how Miss Burdick's work in all departments of the Church had been appreciated by the members of the congregation.

MISS ALMA M. BURDICK

Miss Burdick made a fitting reply saying she deeply appreciated the kind words of praise and the beautiful gifts, and as she went forward to obey her Master's call was counting on the prayers of the women of the Missionary Society in Canada to help her "carry on."

Miss Ada Ethel Adams, missionary elect for Formosa, was presented and accorded a cordial greeting.

The Rev. D. MacOdrum, of Brockville, spoke for the Commission being sent overseas by the General Assembly and pronounced the benediction, bringing to a close a most memorable meeting.

The Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the W. M. S.

Eastern Division

MRS. WILLIAM MACNAB

WITH representatives present from each of the eight Presbyterials within its bounds, and a large assemblage of delegates, the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada opened its 51st annual convention in Knox Church, St. John, N.B., on Wednesday, September 28th, and heard of splendid work accomplished throughout the home field and of new territory opened for foreign missionary endeavor.

Mrs. L. A. Moore, of North Sydney, the President, was in the chair and delivered an inspirational address. Special speakers were, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Leslie Clay, who congratulated the Division on its work, and told of the growing strength of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which has now 1,200 congrega-

tions, and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, President of the Western Division, who told in detail of the work in the home and foreign fields.

Now that our Church has been given her mission stations, the women are making plans for an increased share in all of the work. We have only two home mission stations, Chalmers Jack in Cape Breton, and the Carlisle School Residence, but with bursaries for students and deaconesses, and deaconess and port work we find our funds fully taken up.

Our Society has assumed the support of Rev. and Mrs. Luther Young in the new mission to the Koreans in Japan, and there is a wide field for us in British Guiana where we hope to support the Church very largely in its work, and we also hope to have some share in each of the Church's missions.

It was a great pleasure for us to have again with us Mrs. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S. (West). We welcomed her as an old friend, as she has endeared herself to us by her genial personality and her inspiring messages. We were especially interested in her account of some of her experiences in British Guiana, and it was a reminder of olden days when our missionaries from there and from Trinidad told us of the people and their work among them. It brought a pang at the thought of what used to be but we are thankful for what is still ours.

We also had the honor of having the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Clay, address us and he won all hearts with his gracious, pleasing manner and his inspiring words of hope and cheer.

Addresses were also given by Rev. Finley Macintosh, of the Maritime Synod, Rev. Mr. Craise, port chaplain of St. John, and Miss Lena Fraser, port secretary for Halifax. Mr. Macintosh cheered us with a fine review of conditions in the Maritime Provinces showing that our Church is making steady progress. The port chaplain and port secretary told of most wonderful work at the two ports among the incoming people, emphasized the need of "follow up" efforts and showed splendid results already from this part of immigration work. St. John is the winter port of the C.P.R. and at Halifax the great ocean steamers are coming in every week throughout the year.

Great interest was shown at the meeting in young people's work and much is expected to be done along the lines of expansion and leadership next year.

The funds are in a very satisfactory state and the budget for next year has been largely increased. From the spirit of the meeting and from the encouraging reports we feel sure every obligation will be met next year as in this.

The meeting was saddened by the news of the sudden death in

Montreal of the Rev. Dr. Dickie. He is well remembered and loved in the Maritimes. He came to our assistance in the troublous days before June, 1925, and his gracious personality, his impassioned and yet dignified championship of the cause of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, his words of kindly, sympathetic advice, his zeal for Christ, won all hearts, and we mourn his loss to the Church and to Canada.

May God send us more men and women who share his faith, his love and zeal. We need them.

John Calvin's House

MARGUERITE G. CAMPBELL, CROYDON

NOYON, the birthplace of Calvin, was astir on Sunday, July 10th, with the advent of deputations who had come from all Protestant countries to a great memorial function. The Reformer's house, which was shattered during the Great War, is to be rebuilt, and the visitors had arrived for the stonelaying.

Noyon Cathedral, a marvel of pure white stone, which Robert Louis Stevenson likened to some great ship, shows plainly the scars of shell fire. Reconstruction has widened the streets which so long had retained the mediaeval cloistered physiognomy. Houses ancient and modern stand side by side like an old garment with new patches. Calvin's house, a mass of débris since 1918, is now to be raised again by the efforts of the Protestants of France and the gifts of friends from the whole Protestant world.

It will be erected on the ancient site on the Place du Théatre, long known as the Marché au Blé. The plans have been drawn up by a famous architect endowed with the historic sense, and the main internal features have been preserved, such as that low-ceilinged room on the first floor where tradition has it that John Calvin was born on July 10th, 418 years ago. The old building cannot be restored in its entirety. The slates which covered the walls like armoured plates are gone; so are the profuse old oaken timbers that had been polished by the centuries to the texture of marble. There used to be a picturesque "cage" staircase of the type still found in Alsace and in Flanders, and this will not be reproduced. But the plans show the retention of the wide original windows which were a special and rare feature of the older house.

Life is ever a master of irony. Calvin, like Renan, was born under the shadow of a Cathedral. Notre Dame, close to which he spent much of his boyhood, is but a stone's-throw from the "Maison".

The Chapter House, once splendid like a City Hall, has fallen into poetic decay. Here took place the dramatic interview which Calvin had with the Canons when he came before them "as a prophet in the Temple

of Baal'' to resign his benefices. Among these was the charge of one of the chapels round the apse, and he had held it since his twelfth year. Knowledge of his youthful days remains largely in the mists. That reticent soul seldom indulged in confidences. Once he lifted the veil when he wrote later in life that as a boy he was ''shy, punctilious to a degree in his religious duties;'' and that much of his time was spent in sacristies; in the following of processions, and in the long tramps taken with his mother to the shrine of St. Anne of Ourscamp by the green and silver meadows of the river Oise. He has also left a reference to the chained Illuminated Gospel in the Cathedral Trésor, which he spoke of as ''the Word held in bondage by the priests''. This ninth century missal bound in oak is now, we believe, in the Bibliothèque Nationale.

Nothing can be more difficult than to trace the development of one so silent about himself as Calvin was, or to follow out the early adventure of his sensitive nature in its contact with its surroundings. Noyon in his time was no mean city. It had a great ecclesiastical tradition and a flourishing trade. In its crowds were the movement and colour characteristic of true Picardy folk, critical, keen on claiming their rights.

His mighty achievements were carried out in other regions; but the Memorial Stone has been laid in his birthplace in the presence of those who have come from Christian Churches near and far that have some link with his work. The old life still throbs in Noyon under the new. No region in France has reared more champions of Ideas than has this corner of Picardy. From it there sprang not only the Master-Builder of the Reformation, but also Pierre l'Hermite, Lefèvre d'Etaples, the learned Ramus, Olivétan, and hosts of less known fighters in the cause of freedom.

It is as a symbol of the ''eternal life of the Spirit'' that the house in which Calvin was born is being thus restored.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our Overseas Missions—British Guiana, Formosa, India, Japan, China, Christian literature in foreign lands—and pray that the missionaries may be always conscious of the keeping power of God, and be so indwelt by the Holy Spirit that men and women shall be convicted of sin, and brought to a knowledge of Christ; that they may be kept in health and strength; that the spoken and written word may go forth with power, and that hearts may be prepared to receive it.

The Missionary Meeting at Mrs. Marsh's

By One Who Was There

MRS. MARSH was setting her cheerful little cottage in exquisite order, preparing to entertain the missionary society the next afternoon. The sun peeped through her window of blooming plants, the canary chirped invitingly, and the kitten played with her broom, but the mistress of the simple domain kept a sober, thoughtful face where there was even a hint of tears.

Why had they asked her to receive the society? and that too, just after the wonderful meeting at Mrs. Bagley's? Her poor little best would be a joke after the entertainment there. First there was the big, new house with its perfect, harmonious furnishings. Mrs. Marsh gave a glance of disdain about her worn living-room. Then what dainty china, what rich silver! She shuddered to think of her medley of china and worn, plated spoons. Mrs. Bagley had also tiny linen lace-edged napkins while she would have to use paper ones, and those of the cheapest. Two neat maids had served chicken sandwiches, coffee, slices of ice-cream and candies. What a contrast her refreshments must be! And then, fairest of all to her beauty-loving soul, there had been flowers everywhere, gay blossoms that mocked the snow and cold outside. Oh, if she could have only one lovely cluster, some carnations, a few roses!

Suddenly a bright thought lightened her face. Why, there was the tithing money, their tenth of their meagre income always put carefully by for the Lord's work. Surely this, even if a little out of the usual, was an appropriate occasion to use it. It would be right to take some to make the day more inviting. She looked into the Japanese jar where the tithe was kept. Yes, there were three dollars, enough for the flowers. But then she wanted ice-cream, too—why should she never be able to offer dainty hospitality to her friends? All the extra money she could think of was a little fund saved to buy Mildred the curtains she had wanted so long for her room. Well, Mildred must wait another six months till the dimes and nickels could be retrieved.

She planned happily. The room would be sweet and bright with spicy carnations, she would buy napkins with pink carnations on them, the ice-cream should be pink and the little tea-cakes have pink icing.

As she moved about with a gay sense of elation, another sudden thought startled her, so that she stopped and dropped into a chair with sober face. She seemed to hear again a phrase which the leader of devotional exercises at the last meeting had used several times, "a spiritual service." This leader had prayed that each meeting might be made not just a formality, a matter of routine, not a social affair, but a real

spiritual service, an offering to the Lord. Mrs. Marsh had been impressed and touched, but how soon she had forgotten! Had she thought for a minute of the coming meeting itself, of the spiritual atmosphere, of her own spiritual preparation? She had even forgotten the topic—all she had considered was the material part. And even that, as she saw it now, she was planning to her own glory rather than to the Lord's. She had thought only of making a pretty little festival and she had been willing to take the Lord's money and dear, patient Mildred's curtains to further this end.

Then and there she stopped and prayed humbly that the coming meeting might be a real meeting with the Lord, that His work might be helped, that they might be drawn nearer to one another. Then she thought, "If the Lord is coming to my house tomorrow, what shall I provide for Him? He doesn't need pink ice-cream and posies. When He came to Martha's house he asked only for their time and loving attention, for love and sympathy and the simplest provision." She thought a moment. "How different things look when you plan to receive the Lord rather than Mrs. Bagley!"

The next day the women were welcomed by a sweet-faced, quiet hostess to a plain, pleasant room whose only floral decorations were growing plants. The big fern was displayed to the best advantage and a gay pink geranium graced the dining-room table, while glowing in a corner was a scarlet amaryllis, borrowed from the Bohemian neighbor next door, Mrs. Zidek. Her first plans had not included Mrs. Zidek as a guest because she was so old and did not quite understand American ways. During the devotional service Mrs. Marsh offered a little prayer, not of petition that the Lord would join them, but of thanks that He was there.

After the programme was over there was only tea, served in a rather nondescript collection of cups, and thin sandwiches of the nut bread which Mrs. Marsh had a special knack in baking. Then, as Mrs. Zidek had begged to help, some queer, delicious Bohemian confections, half cake, half candy were passed about. Mildred and Mrs. Zidek's Rosie, coming in from school, served and there was more ready chat and freedom and sociability than at Mrs. Bagley's, who, to the astonishment of Mrs. Marsh, grew very friendly with Mrs. Zidek and engaged her to teach her a certain intricate crochet pattern. There were also so many requests for recipes for the bread and cake that the cooks were asked to write them out to sell at the next "Aid" food sale.

When Mrs. Zidek, pathetically happy at having enjoyed and taken a creditable part in a real American party, said a grateful goodbye, she added, "I think I like go your Church some day with these so friendly ladies. My man he say, 'No God, no Jesus,' but when you speak to Him to-day I know He here."—*Women and Missions.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Work Among the Persians Growing

North Battleford, Sask.

"Yesterday I went out of the town a distance of twenty miles and visited three families of farmers. We had a time of helpful intercourse and spiritual uplift. They were happy to have me spend the day with them, and discuss the deep things of life.

About my work. No doubt you know that besides our Sunday service in the afternoon we have a cottage meeting. We meet in the different houses of our people. They are very kind and invite us to their homes gladly. Also, we practice singing in our language and prepare our hymns for the Sunday service which is attended sometimes by more than thirty people, and they like it well. Besides that I have opened a school for our people. We meet twice during the week. I am glad I opened that school. The attendance is from ten to twelve young boys and girls and some young people too. We teach English and our own language. Those people who know English but do not know our language, we teach them our language, and those who know our language but do not know English, we teach English. We always open the class with reading a few words from the Bible and a prayer, and close the same way. I can assure you it will be a cause of bringing some of them to the knowledge of Christ's saving grace.

You may have heard that the Presbyterians of Battleford bought the Methodist Church for themselves and called it St. Andrew's, and on the first Sunday of August it was opened. It was also our first service in that Church. It was bought for $4,000 and our people did their best to help financially as a Presbyterian Mission or people. Some of them give generously." —*E. O. Eshoo*

Chinese Children and Chinese Workers

Victoria, B.C.

"The kindergarten reopened on September 6th with thirty-eight pupils present and since then the numbers have hovered between thirty-four and thirty-nine daily. Three of last term's pupils have gone to China and six are beginning work at public schools, but their places have been taken by new pupils.

At the school opening five ladies interested in the school were present, also Mr. Leung, who returned from his leave of absence in China a month age. There were a few speeches and songs, and then our visitors left us

to settle into routine work again. Miss Lily Chan, the school assistant, is a very busy person, as she goes to Mr. Leung's school in Chinese from 4 till 7.30 o'clock every day, and also teaches English to a few Chinese women each afternoon.

The children had several picnics this summer. There was a big Church picnic in July, a Mission Band picnic in August, and my Sunday School class was invited to a beach party by Mrs. Douglas who taught them while I was on holiday.

Mr. Leung was married again while in China. His bride arrived here last Sunday, and received a very warm, but I'm afraid rather trying, welcome, as over a hundred people called on her during the day. She is a very sweet-faced woman, quite young, about twenty-two I believe, and the children have made friends very quickly with her. She is stepping into a rather hard position with the care of eight children (the ninth child being still under Mrs. Chow's care) but she accepts her responsibilities very cheerfully.

One of the young men of the Church, David Lee, is expecting to leave in January to go to Shanghai to study to be a medical missionary. He is a splendid fellow and we will miss him very much in the Church as he certainly stands for all that is for its good." —*Miss Gertrude Scott*

Our Chinese Mission Band

Vancouver, B.C.

"It is a year this week since I left Toronto for Vancouver, and I am finding the Chinese work just as interesting as ever, or even more so. We are so pleased at Miss Dickman's appointment. She is a lovely girl and an earnest Christian, and we are looking forward to her being a wonderful help not only with the kindergarten but in every department of our work.

During July we continued our Mission Band and other children's meetings each week, and the children attended fairly well, in spite of the unusually warm weather. We were fortunate in having the use of the new lantern slides which our Provincial received in June. It was such a good opportunity for us to use them just when other Mission Bands and Auxiliaries were not needing them, and they helped to give the children a much better idea of the missionary work which our Church is carrying on."

—*Miss Gertrude Lawrence*

Chinese Visited

Brockville, Ont.

"I have visited Prescott twice and made several calls on the Chinese and in their interest. I went to Cardinal twice, to see our new baby girl, and have sent Chinese literature to Mrs. Wong there. Harry Wong, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, is employed on the *S.S. Toronto* and laid over

here until its return from Prescott. I had an interview with him and hope to see him again.

We have brought the children here into acquaintance with Perth women and children, where they met an Ottawa couple, and where arrangements were made to have a gathering of women here, soon. I really enjoy the time I spend with my colony.

Miss MacMurchy sent me a copy of a resolution *re* missionaries, passed at the Council. I felt honored to be included as such, but I also felt embarrassed as I am doing so little, there seems so little that I can do.

Lena Hong has a class of boys in the primary Sunday School, loves the teaching, and is getting along well. I have only one boy attending class now in the morning, but the little ones come pretty regularly. I go for them and bring them to the school.

While disabled from the effects of another fall, I have been able to overtake a little missionary work. I visited Carleton Place, Renfrew, Pembroke and Ottawa. In Pembroke I found a Chinese boy who knew me and attended my class in 1911. You would be delighted to see their evident pleasure when they recognize me. —*Miss H. W. Davies*

Closing Exercises

Victoria, B.C.

"The Chinese mission in Victoria held the closing exercises of the kindergarten and afternoon classes the last Friday of June. Rev. Mr. Yeung was present and addressed the children in Chinese, Mrs. Cotsford, our Presbyterial President, and two other members of the Presbyterial Executive were also there as well as several of the Chinese mothers. A feature of our closing this year, which seemed to be especially enjoyed by our visitors, was the exhibition of hand work done by the children. Many words of appreciation and encouragement were spoken.

The entire work of the mission has gone on without a break throughout the year and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for strength and guidance. He has led us safely through our many fears, anxieties and difficulties, and to-day we can look forward hopefully to the future.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at Elk Lake, eight miles out of Victoria. This is an annual outing and is always looked forward to with very much pleasure by all the Chinese mothers and children."

—*Mrs. Macqueen*

Welcome and Welfare

Winnipeg, Man.

"During July and August 350 names were received, 55 of these representing families. To definite address there were 152; to Canadian National Settlement Branch, 98; to Canadian Pacific Colonization Depart-

ment, 66; to the Government Hostel, 22; Canadian Women's Hostel, 4; Salvation Army Hostel, 4; to Y.M.C.A., 3; to Church Army Hostel, 1. Of the city addresses, 27 were incorrect.

Generally, people are pleased to have Church visits. Calling on Church and the Girls' Friend Club members is always pleasant. Seventy-six of such calls were made. The girls have kept together surprisingly well during the summer, fourteen new ones being added. Twice we had a picnic at the City Park, once at Calvin Presbyterian Church and twice at my home.

At the Canadian Women's Hostel they require a report every three months from each of the denominations having girls stay there any time. I gave a report on our girls for April, May and June. Mrs. Dean, the matron, said it was quite satisfactory. These reports were then forwarded to Ottawa. Sixteen British Presbyterian girls had been registered at the Hostel in that time.

From August 12th to 22nd I was at Lakeside Fresh Air Camp (non-sectarian) taking charge of a group of boys. This was my vacation, and although kept quite busy, it was a change and very enjoyable. Two other Presbyterians were there as Captains besides my daughter and myself, Miss Winnie Armstrong of Melita, sister of Rev. Frank Armstrong, and Miss Elsie Miller of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. While we were there a splendid donation from Melita Ladies' Aid arrived. In rural districts the Presbyterians now send to Lakeside Camp much of what they used to send to Robertson Camp.'' —*Mrs. Jean C. Howey*

A CORRECTION FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT

We hasten to correct a mistake in the 1926 Report. Under British Columbia on page 73, par. 4, we state that the receipts for 1926 were $3,056.96 or 130 per cent. increase. The sentence should read:

''Total receipts for 1926 ..... $5,402.46
Givings for 1925 ..... 2,345.50
An increase of $3,056.96 or 130 per cent. increase.''

Will our readers please make this correction in their blue book. The only satisfaction that we can offer to British Columbia is the assurance that this error on our part has given a publicity to their splendid financial achievement which might not otherwise have been so widely known.

Entered into Rest

MATHESON—At Bennington, Ontario, on September 21st, Mrs. Catherine Campbell Matheson, aged eighty years, a member of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church and one of the founders of the Bennington W.M.S.

MILLIGAN—At Clifford, Ontario, on August 27th, Mrs. John Milligan, a charter member of the Presbyterian Church, Clifford, nearly sixty years ago, a Life Member of the W.M.S., and Honorary President of Saugeen Presbyterial Society. Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, Toronto, Supply Secretary of the Council is her daughter.

A Prayer for Women

"O LORD we beseech Thee help women to meet the needs of this great Day of the Lord large-heartedly and large-mindedly; giving wider service with a wise and sturdy heart; remembering that the possession of any civic or political power involves the duty of faithfully and thoughtfully using it. Lead them to repress feverish activities and to give time to training and enriching their minds. Lead them to put their conscience into so refreshing their body that it may ring true to the demands of their soul; that both may serve Thee with joyous, never-failing duty. Forgive them for so often looking on the limitations of their lives, instead of realizing their limitless power in Thy power, and forgive us all for our incomprehensible slowness in making use of that power. Make them large-hearted in helping, generous and constructive in criticizing; keep them from unkind words and unkind silences, and may each home set a noble standard of love and beauty, order, and freedom. Grant that when they lose their own interests in life they may graft on their hearts the interests of others. Grant that they may hold fast to their ancient heritage, as counsellors of good things, comforters in cares and griefs, ordering all things sweetly and strongly. Finally, O Lord, grant that to live in such times as these may cleanse us from all pettiness and self-seeking, filling us with a gallant and undaunted spirit, that we may be diffusers of life, invigorating all we meet. Amen." —*Lucy Soulsby.*

Programme for a Sectional Meeting

Hymn 108. *Silent Prayer* by all for a more consecrated service in and through our W.M.S. *Invocation. Reading of the minutes* of the last meeting and appointing the Secretary for the meeting. *Scripture reading. Season of Prayer.*—For our Church in all her life and work. *Greetings. Solo. Roll Call.*—Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, and Mission Bands. *Prayer.*—For our Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. *Hymn* 745. *Duet* or *Solo. Address.*—"The Devotional Part of Our Auxiliary Meetings." *Prayer of Thanks.*—For the call of women to service in our W.M.S. *Address*—"Our National and Overseas Work" *Hymn* 798. *Offering. Solo. Business. Announcements. Hymn* 645. *Mizpah Benediction.*

The above programme was followed at the sectional meeting at Zephyr in Lindsay Presbyterial. Over sixty were in attendance. Most encouraging reports were given of the year's work. An invitation to hold the 1928 meeting in Port Perry was accepted. The President, Mrs. Atkinson, presided. The women and girls enjoy these gatherings so much that they have expressed the wish to have them in both spring and fall.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

ECHOES FROM THE WEST

ONE hundred and fifty teen-age girls from the Presbyterian Sunday Schools of Winnipeg and the surrounding district, with their teachers and leaders, were present at the rally held Thursday evening, September 29th, in St. John's parish hall. The occasion of the rally was to meet Miss Edith Sinclair, Field Secretary for girls' work in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. "This is the largest all-Presbyterian girls' rally which I have addressed," remarked Miss Sinclair in opening her address, "and Winnipeg Presbytery should be proud in having its girls' work so well organized as to be able to bring together so fine a gathering of teen-age girls as we have here to-night."

It was a night of nights for the girls. Miss Sinclair's personality and message laid a spell upon them and for an hour they not only dreamed of the beautiful womanhood possible for each one of them, but eagerly listened while the speaker showed them how through their girls' organizations they might develop healthy bodies, well-trained minds and noble characters. At the end the girls enthusiastically invited Miss Sinclair to come west next summer and conduct a summer-camp for them. —*Manitoba Free Press.*

BRANDON ENJOYS A RALLY OF PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

At Brandon, Manitoba, on Monday evening, October 3rd, a rally of Presbyterian young people for a district extending as far east as Carberry, was held in the club room of the Strand theatre. This auditorium is just above the theatre where First Church are at present worshipping. It was filled to capacity with eager and enthusiastic young men and women from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brandon, First Church, and others. The speaker on this occasion was Miss Edith Sinclair, of Harriston, Ontario, the Secretary for young people's work in our Church. The interesting and inspiring address she gave on "Making the Most of Our Lives" resulted in a large number remaining after the meeting for a friendly conference with her.

The following teen-age organizations have affiliated with the W.M.S.: **Kingston**—Junior Branch Y.W.M.A., St. Andrew's; **Walkerton**—Junior Group, Knox; **Tiverton**—"Redwing", Knox; **Montreal**—"Lihelo", Maisonneuve.

A Correction—In the September issue of the *Glad Tidings*, page 297 there is a mistake in the name of the leader of the "Ever Ready" C.G.I.T. Group, Chalmers Ch., London. Miss Elma Isaac is the leader of this Group, but owing to her home being in the country, she is unable to take the Sunday class, which is divided into senior and junior classes, the senior class being taught by Mrs. Kelman, the C.G.I.T. Secretary of London Presbyterial; the junior class by Mrs. J. Tilley.

HELPS FOR YOUR MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

See also "Programme Suggestions for Presbyterian Girls" pages 15-18.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own, my native land'."

During our Jubilee of Confederation celebration this summer, young and old glowed with pride in our country, and her noble achievements, and yet we are conscious of the fact that Canada can only achieve the greatness we dream for her, as high ideals and Christian standards are embedded in the lives and hearts of all within our gates. Therefore, this year, may it be our purpose—(1) to lead our girls to appreciate and understand some of the people of the different races in Canada, and, (2) to help them to realize their national responsibility.

Though our Church may not have definite work among all the various races in Canada, yet in our public schools, in our Sabbath Schools, and in our community and business life, all races are mingling. Each girl is a missionary whether she wills it or not.

To prepare the way for our book "Heroes of Our Home Lands" let us begin our missionary project with the following.

1. The Native Canadian—the North American Indian. (Have the girls taking part dress in Indian costume if possible.)

Agenda for Meeting—Order. Opening ceremony. Business. Worship period—use "A Missionary Service of Worship for Girls" see October *Glad Tidings*." Remember in prayer our Indian work and workers. Discussion: "The Native Canadian." 1st. Girl: "Canada at the coming of the paleface." (A five minute talk). 2nd Girl: "The Cattle Thief," or "Canadian Born," or "An Indian Legend—preferably the one about Manitou, the Great Spirit." (See "Canadian Wonder Tales," Macmillan). 3rd Girl: "How Canada has provided for her native sons." (Five minutes).

Leader: "The work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada among the Indians." (Five minutes). Lucy Baker (See "Nation Builders," J. Lovell Murray). Indian Schools—Birtle, Manitoba; Cecilia Jeffrey, Ontario; Mistawasis, Sask. Group Discussion—(20-30 minutes)—1. What do we owe the red man? 2. What can we do? How should we feel toward him? 3. How will our missionary givings help? Plan—to make Christmas gifts for a school. Hymn. Mizpah Benediction.

The First Recruit

A Thanksgiving Story

"THE meeting," declared Olivia Glenn, sinking wearily into one of the big, softly-cushioned chairs, "was a horrible failure. I am glad you did not succeed in getting there, Jean."

The friend thus addressed finished pouring the tea before she made answer in her kindly, sympathetic voice.

"And if I had been there, as I endeavored, my verdict now would differ from yours. Don't think I have forgotten how you used to stir our sluggish souls in the old college days, even to the extent of extracting an occasional dollar from our scanty purses for some of your pet schemes."

Miss Glenn smiled ruefully as she accepted her tea.

"I am afraid my powers have diminished or else my audiences are less susceptible; but," more gravely, "I feel the change since I first came home from China. Then I was all atune with hope and enthusiasm. The addition to my girls' school seemed a certainty, and I saw my staff enlarged by eager young volunteers. Now I realize that it was only a dream. My key has changed to minor."

"You are tired," her hostess encouraged, "and color your efforts darkly. How I do wish I had been at the missionary meeting to-day! Perhaps I could throw a little light on the subject."

The other shook her head. "No, I did badly. The ring of appeal is gone."

But before Mrs. Fenton could object further to the self-condemnation of her guest, an interruption of quite another nature came from the hall. It was Charlotte Fenton, the little niece of the house, who stopped in the doorway, somewhat abashed at the presence of a complete stranger. Waiting only long enough to deliver her mother's message, she would have retreated as suddenly as she arrived, had it not been for Aunt Jean and the tempting tea-table.

"You are surely going to join us in a cup of tea, Charlotte." The invitation sounded so flatteringly grown-up. It quite let her in for what followed. "And, while I pour it," Mrs. Fenton continued, "won't you

greet my old friend, Miss Glenn. She comes away from China now, but once she went to school with your mother and me.''

The little girl advanced towards the guest and courtesied respectfully, though all the time a certain curiosity lurked in her glance. China was so very far off, and this sweet-faced lady in no way resembled the pictures in the geography—nor for that matter the man who called for daddy's laundry.

She smiled shyly when Miss Glenn asked her what she knew about that far-away country, and answered:

''Why, there they are all awake when we are all asleep.''

And the missionary quite agreed, for she said.

''That is very true, dear; though too many people put it the other way, 'asleep while we are awake'.''

Then Charlotte was at liberty to sit down and enjoy her tea, while the ladies talked of lots of things far less interesting than chicken sandwiches and cake and real tea, with cream and lots of sugar. She made it last as long as possible, at length with a sigh depositing the fragile cup and saucer safely back on the table.

Mrs. Fenton smiled approvingly. Charlotte was her favorite niece. She seemed made to fit into people's homes and hearts.

''Before you go, my dear, you might care to see a present Miss Glenn brought me from China. There, on that bookcase, the little Chinese god. Isn't it curious?''

At first fascinated by the ugliness, the child only gazed at the diminutive bronze figure. Cautiously drawing nearer, she put up her hand and touched the rough, chilling surface. It seemed as if the full significance were difficult to grasp. There was still doubt in her large, blue eyes as she turned toward the missionary.

''You don't mean they say their prayers to such a perfectly hideous thing?'' She shivered. ''I would be afraid.''

Miss Glenn arose and joined her before the antique mahogany bookcase, whereon was enthroned the dreadful little deity.

''Yes, dear, and such long, hard, painful prayers. He is not a god of love, like ours. You see, thousands and thousands and thousands do not know any better. The fathers and mothers can only tell their children what their fathers and mothers have told them. When we teach them about our tender Heavenly Father they throw away their idols or destroy them. Just before leaving China, I went to visit a family who had learned to worship our way; and there I saw the little daughter, Pensi, playing with her doll. And what do you suppose her baby was but the household image, just such a beauty as this fellow.'' She picked up the bronze and draped her handkerchief about it to better illustrate the incident.

But the horror still depicted on the face of her listener made her hastily add: "You would have been as glad as I, Charlotte, to have seen it—strange as it may seem. It was absolute proof that Pensi no longer had faith in such an idol. She knew of a new and loving God."

The little girl nodded in an understanding way and appeared satisfied, but she carried away a very vivid picture of Chinese Pensi with her unlovely doll. Especially at bedtime the memory haunted her, for then was Charlotte's time with her own doll family, when she tucked each of her nine children away for the night. All of them, from Baby Sue and Bunny Boy to the new Lady Lynette, received her individual attention; and, as she nestled the soft golden and brown heads against her cheek, the harder and colder and uglier she recalled Pensi's baby. Ugh! Why couldn't someone give her a better one? Of course it was very far, away off there in China, where they would just be getting up now that she was going to bed; still Baby Sue had come from New York and Lynette from Paris. It was all very strange and disturbing.

Perhaps sleep might have dimmed the remembrance had it not been for a remark of Charlotte's mother at the breakfast table next morning.

"George, you will not forget that Olivia Glenn is coming for dinner to-night?" she reminded her husband.

Mr. Fenton looked over his paper.

"Do you mean, in that case, my absence or presence is demanded? At one time I should have had no doubt Olivia and I were good friends—but, now that she has turned missionary, well the question naturally arises, 'To be, or not to be' here?"

But Mrs. Fenton was not in a joking mood.

"She is no more changed than you are yourself."

Whereupon the youngest member of the family came nobly to her assistance.

"No, I don't think her eyes turn up quite so much, Daddy; and she's lots whiter in the face. I'd never have guessed she'd come from China, only Aunt Jean said so."

A shout went up around the table, Charlotte alone being in ignorance of the joke. It was too bad they were all laughing so loud, because now she could not ask her father for the money to buy Pensi a new doll. However, she solaced herself by taking the last muffin, a feat which, under ordinary circumstances, never would have been accomplished. Unfortunately the muffin lasted just so long, and from then on for the rest of the day the thought of Pensi pursued. At noon she broke her bank, but counted her wealth at only fourteen cents. Times were hard. By night another idea had occurred, an idea which she thrust indignantly away. Part with one of her nine children! Never. Nine was a very nice

number, and she loved them all. Pensi would not want to take another person's child. She'd rather have the i-dol. The similarity in the words had never struck her before; but only for a minute was her attention thus diverted before there rushed back the horror of the hideously ugly, repellingly cold image, clasped in the warm embrace of the little Chinese mother. And she had nine softly, cuddley babies!

There was little joy in the bedtime hour that evening. Slowly and methodically the dolls were put to sleep, a general inventory being taken meanwhile. Never had her family seemed so dear. Certainly not one could be spared. With a determined shake of the head, she settled the matter before seeking her own bed.

But, for once, dreamland offered no relief. Again Charlotte was in the midst of her children. Each in turn she held in her arms, alas! to discover that she was embracing a heathen god rolled up in bedclothes. Terrified, she dropped the image to grasp another doll. Each time the same thing happened. In the dark, and trembling, she awoke. Oh, the dread of it! Poor little Chinese Pensi! And there, with her head buried deep in the pillow, Charlotte Fenton made a solemn vow.

From her window, overlooking the garden, Olivia Glenn watched the gardener at work below. He was putting in the bulbs. Long, even rows of the little, hard, unpromising, brown things sunk in the earth.

"Some day next spring in God's sunshine they will burst into surprising beauty," she told herself hopefully; and then dreamily she compared them to the long rows of little, hard, unpromising lives in China. Could they not correspondingly blossom forth from the shadow of dark despair if only reached by the sunshine of God's Word? She straightened her shoulders. To-night was her greatest, her final, chance to win the support of her enlightened world. She had been invited to speak at an important mass meeting of young people. How her heart throbbed with hope and fear! She had met with failure. Rather she herself had failed. Now, even from the gardener's simple task, she had gathered new strength. While the feeling was here she must work. Seating herself at her desk, she drew towards her a pad and reached for her pen. A knock sounded at the door. The interruption so untimely was registered by a frown which had vanished before the door opened to reveal the pleasing presence of Jean Fenton's small niece.

"Why, Charlotte," Miss Glenn's voice welcomed gladly. Next, perceiving the gravity of the child's face, "No one is ill, or anything wrong?" she asked.

The little girl merely shook her head in answer, and held towards the lady the long cardboard box which she carried.

"I came to bring you this"—she spoke hurriedly—"it's for you to take to Pensi in place of the i-dol. It's Lynette, My Lady Lynette."

At the threshold she turned back, finding her voice with even greater difficulty.

"She seemed the best able of all to go. The others—have had me longer, but even then—you might see that she's kept warm—on the boat and—not too—lonesome." The voice trailed off and with it the valiant mother of eight.

The vivid memory of the picture and the final, pitiful quaver made Olivia Glenn superb that night as she stood before the great assembly. She forgot their vast number; she forgot herself; she even forgot the fear of failure. Her audience, likewise, responded by forgetting her mission and their fear of surrender. Instead they met each other halfway, and, in such intimacy, it seemed but natural that she should confess her early hopes and later disappointments. Simply she described the revelation of the garden, the beauty of that future springtime which had bidden her fearful heart to be strong and her dumb tongue sing. And, as if to give proof that she heeded its teaching, the story of Pensi followed, told as only Olivia Glenn could have told it back in the old college days, when she stirred even the most sluggish of souls. At the conclusion she took from the box beside her, for a witness to the people, My Lady Lynette, lovely in pink satin and gold tissue—My Lady Lynette, who was to carry to troubled China a message of loving sacrifice.

There came a hush as if of expectation before daybreak, and then such a thunder of applause that, to the missionary, it seemed as if the echoes must surely reverberate in distant China, where her girls would just be waking now to another day—a day of new life and opportunity. For did this great enthusiasm not assure it, and in the glad knowledge she pressed the closer to her heart the first recruit, My Lady Lynette.

—*Selected.*

MISSION BANDS

How He Loved His Mother

DR. JAMES S. GALE

A KOREAN BOY! How do I know? Why I read his story in a Chinese picture writing and this is what it said: His mother fell sick and he was in great distress. His father was dead, and she was all he had. She was ill and would die too, they said. How anxious he was. What could he do? He thought of this and that till at last the story of a very good man came to his mind, and he took a knife and cut his hand deep. Then with a brush pen, dipped in the blood, he wrote a prayer to God something

like this: "*Great God, my mother is very ill and I am afraid will die. If mother dies, how dreadful it will be. Please help me and save her. She it was who cared for me when I was a little child. She was always good and kind. Please hear my prayer, dear God, answer and save my mother.*"

When he had written this very carefully and exactly on a sheet of the best paper he could find, he went out into the night, where no one could see, and spread it on a little mound of earth, knelt and repeated it over.

His going outside was for the reason that he thought the roof might interfere with its upward flight to heaven. Thus, in the dark, and out in the cold, he repeated his prayer night after night.

His mother did not know of this, but took note nevertheless of his hand bound up, and asked, anxiously, "Have you hurt your hand?" "Oh, nothing to speak of, mother dear," said he "just a little cut by accident." He did not tell her the whole truth, for he thought it would trouble her, but God answered his prayer just the same. His mother recovered and lived many days to brighten his life.

Long years afterwards, when he was dead, his wife found the little prayer dimly marked among his precious belongings.

Mr. Chai, for that was his name, was a distinguished scholar and a great, good man, whose life is still read to-day with interest. Once, when he was ill, the people of his town kept their lights burning through the night to pray for his recovery. He died in 1732 when Oliver Goldsmith was a little toddler only four years old. You, dear reader, will see by this how a far-away Korean lad two hundred years ago loved his mother.

SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE "EPHRAIM SCOTT" MISSION BAND, Prince Albert, Sask.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA.—At a merged meeting of Victoria Presbytery and the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Rev. W. L. Clay, D.D., warmly commended the work done in the Church by the Women's Missionary Societies and urged all women to take a deeper interest in missions.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of four Life Membership certificates, one to the retiring President, Mrs. F. L. MacPherson, who is leaving the city to reside in Vancouver, also to Mrs. J. B. McKilligan, Miss Elizabeth Gribble and Miss Gertrude Scott, missionary worker with Mrs. Macqueen.

The President, Mrs. MacPherson, conducted the devotional part of the meeting. Following an address and the presentation of the Life Membership certificates by Dr. Clay, the meeting was carried on by Rev. S. Lundie, Moderator of Victoria Presbytery. The meeting was made further enjoyable with music and at the close of the programme refreshments were served by the W.M.S.

Rev. Mr. Leung, the Chinese missionary, was present, having just returned from his visit to China, accompanied by Mrs. Leung.

Mr. David Lee, a Chinese convert, who has publicly dedicated his life to work among his countrymen, was introduced to the gathering. Mr. Lee came to Victoria six years ago when sixteen years of age, unable to speak a word of English and unfamiliar with Christian teaching. He attended the Presbyterian mission in Victoria, became a convert, and while studying the Bible and teaching classes of his countrymen in the mission, attended the night schools and learned English. He recently announced his intention of becoming a medical missionary and in January will leave for China to attend the High School and University at Shanghai where he will be supported during his six years' studentship by one of the Sunday School classes in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Ontario.

AN AUTUMN RALLY

Mrs. James Herd presided over the autumn rally of the Westminster Presbyterial, held Wednesday afternoon, September 21st, in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. The devotional period was opened by Mrs. T. B. Green.

The event took the form of a reception for mission workers who are leaving for fields of endeavor in Formosa, the special guests of honor

being Mrs. Daniel Strachan, first Vice-President of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, who is en route to the Orient to make a survey of overseas mission fields, Miss Alma Burdick of this city, who has been designated to work in Formosa, Miss Ada Ethel Adams, of Toronto, who is to have charge of the kindergarten school at Taihoku, and Mrs. C. S. McDonald, who with Mr. McDonald, will accompany the party when it leaves to-day for the Orient.

Mrs. Strachan gave a most interesting address on mission work generally and with the other visitors, was presented to the members.

At the tea hour Mrs. J. Alex. Wilson was general convener, assisted by Mrs. James Harley and Mrs. J. L. McGlashan. The tea table with its beautiful mauve and yellow floral decorations was presided over by Mrs. R. W. Thompson and Mrs. Evan Harvey.

MANITOBA

Mrs. G. Leckie, 1457 Winnipeg Ave., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

THE supply work of the Brandon Presbyterial has consisted mostly in supplying quilts, sheets and linens for our new School Home in Saskatoon; in providing outfits for boys and girls in the Birtle Boarding School for Indian boys and girls; quilts, sheets and linen for the same institution; Christmas gifts for the boys and girls in Mrs. McKenzie's care at Gonor, also clothing for the same children; and Christmas gifts for the children, quilts and clothing, old and new, for the men, women and children on the Birdtail Indian Reserve at Uno.

A few statements from the letter written by Rev. John Thunder, since deceased, acknowledging boxes sent to the Birdtail Reserve, give an insight into the work done by an Indian minister among his people, one who oftentimes admonished himself saying, "Keep close to the Saviour, John, keep close to the Saviour."

Parts of the letter, in his own words, are as follows:

"Yours of December 18th came in good time, also two boxes of Christmas goods, and other clothing all arrived in good time. Held our Christmas entertainment on the 24th at one of the houses that would hold more than fifty people. We have a Christmas tree from Prince Albert, loaded up with good things you sent in, sing songs, recitations, repeat Bible verses, speeches going on until 11 o'clock. Santa then came in a nice distribution what on the tree and there is a pile of clothing too. What a delightful time we spent. A happy gathering with the act of kindness that was sent by the ladies of the W.M.S. at Brandon.

On behalf of my Presbyterian people on the Reserve I join in with tone of my wife 'Reedamaye'—Thankyou."

Brandon P.S.—One of the largest gatherings of the W.M.S. of Knox Church, Neepawa, met on July 20th, over fifty ladies were present. A report of the Brandon Presbyterial was given by Miss Connell, who outlined the work undertaken by the W.M.S. and its extent and progress. An invitation was received from the Wellwood W.M.S. to join them at their August meeting. Miss Pelton had spoken of the helpfulness which might come to our W.M.S. women if, at times, they visited other Auxiliaries and were visited in turn by them, so the invitation was accepted. The meeting had a tinge of sadness at saying farewell to the President, Mrs. Kirkland. Appreciation of her fine service was voiced by Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. J. H. Irwin, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented her with a lovely wool comforter and a hand bag containing a purse of money. A social hour closed a profitable afternoon.

On August 4th, four motors with seventeen members of Neepawa Auxiliary, and the same number from Carberry Auxiliary visited the Wellwood W.M.S. The meeting was held on the spacious lawn of Mrs. Mack Clark's beautiful home. The President, Mrs. Millar, spoke on "God's Gracious Gift to Us." Greetings were brought by the President of Carberry, by Mrs. Dunsmore of Neepawa, and Mrs. Dinwoody of Winnipeg. The social hour enabled the members to get to know each other and to exchange ideas on the different departments of work. So profitable was the gathering that the members resolved to have many more, even though it meant a forty mile drive for some of them.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

CHANGE in Office.—At the September meeting of the Executive of the Ontario Provincial, Mrs. G. Tower Fergusson, 70 Madison Ave., Toronto, was appointed Press Secretary, owing to the resignation of Mrs. D. F. Palmer. Presbyterial Press Secretaries kindly notice this change.

Paris P.S.—The June Conference was held in Norwich, Friday, June 24th, with Mrs. J. A. Brown, President, presiding over a most interesting programme, featured by a wonderfully inspirational address by Mrs. Dill, Secretary of Mission Band work on the Council. Mr. Toombs, Simcoe, who sailed with Rev. D. E. MacDonald in September for the Bhil field in India, was present and received a splendid ovation. The question drawer proved most helpful. Mrs. Adams, Treasurer, announced the financial condition as most satisfactory. Heavy shipments of supplies will be sent as usual. Roll call revealed progress all round.

A most enjoyable meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, on June 14th, when the W.M.S. entertained representatives from St.

Thomas, Brantford, Paris, Woodstock and Ingersoll, including several members of the Presbyterial Executive. Mrs. Langford, Simcoe, gave a splendid resumé of the Council meetings in Windsor. A social hour was spent getting acquainted as Simcoe has recently been joined to Paris Presbyterial.

Brockville P.S.—A sectional meeting was held at Dixon's Corners, August 23rd. The President, Mrs. Hunter, presided, and Mrs. Robert Bell gave a most cordial welcome to all. Interesting papers on "Programmes," by Mrs. Gass, followed by discussion on "How to Use the Study Book"; on "Mission Band Work" by Mrs. George Montgomery; on "Individual Preparation" by Mrs. Armstrong; and on "National Missions" by Mrs. Harkness, each paper being followed by discussion, were the outstanding features of the afternoon meeting. An inspirational address by Mrs. Riddell and an illustrated lecture by Mr. Barker with kind words spoken by Mr. Merriless brought a day full of good things to a close.

Sarnia P.S. has had a very successful year under the leadership of their President, Mrs. D. Ritchie. The Presbyterial Annual Meeting held in Forest in May was most enthusiastic. The year's givings amounted to $4,087.80. The sectional meetings held during the summer were inspiring to each district. Mrs. Ritchie was the special speaker at each meeting.

Guelph P.S.—The sub-Executive met at the home of Mrs. Brydon, Guelph, on September 12th, to consider the autumn work. There was a good attendance. The Treasurer's report was satisfactory. Bales are being completed for school homes and hospitals. The Home Helpers Department is working out splendidly in Fergus and it was felt that more attention might be given to that Department in all our Churches. It was decided to make the autumn Rally a Young Women's Rally and to invite all Mission Band Presidents.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

THE members of the executive of the Quebec Provincial Board had the pleasure of entertaining at dinner on September 2nd, Miss Marion Williamson, Rev. D. E. MacDonald, Mr. Earl Tombs and Mr. Angus Mackay, as well as several of their friends who had accompanied them from Toronto.

After dinner, at the Themis Club, the entire company went to the lecture hall of Knox-Crescent Church where an interesting and impressive service was held.

Dr. Ephraim Scott presided and addresses were given by the outgoing missionaries as well as by Mrs. R. W. Dickie, vice-president of the Quebec

Provincial Board, and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, President of the Montreal Presbyterial.

After the service the party were taken to the steamer, by Rev. A. S. Reid, who had also met them upon their arrival in Montreal. They sailed for Liverpool the next morning, September 3rd.

Montreal P.S.—The quarterly executive meeting of the W.M.S. was held on September 23rd at Lachute, the President Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. There was a good attendance, 18 Auxiliaries, 4 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 1 Associate Society and 5 Mission Bands responding to the roll call.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss E. H. Barron and Mrs. A. Middleton of the Lachute Auxiliary. Miss E. H. Barron, the President of the Auxiliary, also extending a hearty welcome to the visiting members.

The Treasurer's statement showed that the sum of $4,896.17 had been received from Auxiliaries since April 8th last, this being a considerable increase compared with this period last year. Encouraging reports showing good progress were received from the various Department Secretaries. Fifty-five new members were reported by the Home-Helpers' Secretary, making a total membership of 740. Young Women's Secretary reported twelve organized Societies in the Presbyterial, all of which are working enthusiastically. The Mission Band Secretary gave a very pleasing report of the Mission Bands' Rally held April 19th last. Supply Secretary had received goods to the value of $261.30 and $25.00 in money. *Glad Tidings* subscribers now number 1,477, this being a considerable increase. Good work is being done in the Welcome and Welfare Department. Literature Secretary reported that the text-books for the Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands are on hand and for sale, and that the text-book for the Auxiliaries will be ready in December. Literature to the value of $11.76 had been sold since the last meeting. Six Life Memberships have been subscribed for since last April. Exchange—An increased interest is being shown in this department and some excellent papers are on hand.

Miss Ethel Reid of South China, who is now engaged in work among the Chinese in Montreal and in the Chinese Primary School, addressed the meeting, giving an interesting account of her work, and of her visits to Chinese women in Windsor, Brockville and Ottawa. Mrs. W. D. Reid gave a splendid report of the Council meeting held in Windsor in May last.

The President spoke of the loss sustained through the tragic death of Mrs. J. J. Monds, and announced that a memorial service would be held on October 3rd at 3 o'clock, in Cote des Neiges and Mount Royal Vale Auxiliary with which she had been connected.

Mrs. Robert Bradley, of St. Andrew's East Auxiliary, led in the closing prayer.

The Lachute Auxiliary entertained the visiting members to supper, after which Mrs. Owen Campbell very ably and efficiently conducted the question box. Mrs. George E. Ross moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Lachute ladies, for contributing so materially to the success of the meeting.

The Late Mrs. Andrew Rowat

With deep regret we record the death of a beloved member of our W.M.S., Mrs. Margaret Rowat of St. Lambert, Quebec, who was called to higher service in October, in her eighty-eighth year. Mrs. Rowat was the daughter of Rev. Donald Mackenzie, one of the pioneer Presbyterian ministers in western Canada. She became the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Andrew Rowat in 1868 when he was assigned to the same territory. Prior to his death her husband had a charge in Winchester, Ontario, and for twenty-five years had the joint charge of Athelstan-Elgin, Quebec. The influence of Mrs. Rowat's work as a minister's wife was deep and far-reaching. Her wide leadership in the various women's activities did much to strengthen them in their work. At the time of her death she was Honorary President of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, St. Lambert.

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Campbell, of First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, officiated at the funeral service which was held in the Presbyterian Church, Athelstan, Quebec. Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, representative of the Presbyterian Association, Rev. Mr. P. S. Sampson, and Rev. Dr. Maclean of Huntingdon, were also present.

To her daughters, Miss Mary I. Rowat, Press Secretary of St. Lambert W.M.S., and Mrs. W. G. Brown, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, and the other members of her family our sympathy is extended.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT. — Encouraging news comes from the "James Nisbet" Auxiliary—good attendance maintained throughout the year, members taking a vivid, wide-awake interest in missionary work. The "Ephraim Scott" Mission Band, the youngest branch of this Auxiliary, meets regularly twice a month and reports an average attendance of twenty-five out of an enrolment of forty.

Saskatoon.—The new Presbyterian School Home was formally opened and dedicated September 16th. Rev. W. G. Brown brought greetings from Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbytery. Others taking part in the service were Rev. J. R. Graham, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mr. W. H. Sharp, Chairman

of building committee, Mrs. M. Grant, Presbyterial President, Mrs. H. O. Wright, Miss L. K. Pelton, Field Secretary, Miss Violet Scott, Superintendent of the School Home, and Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President. This new Home has been erected at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. The present enrolment this fall is thirty-four. The visitors were unanimous in their appreciation of this Home, feeling that it will fill a great need in providing our girls with a comfortable Home amidst congenial and Christian surroundings.

Qu'Appelle.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Qu'Appelle, has emerged out of its disruption. Like many other congregations the property here built up by years of sacrifice passed by law and by a few votes into a new denomination. They now have a new Church, the formal dedication of which took place on Sunday, September 18th. It will be a monument to the courage, faith and generosity of those who were not afraid of a heroic adventure. All the necessary organizations, session, managers, W.M.S., Ladies' Aid, Sunday School and a splendid choir, are functioning. A striking feature of this organization is the number of young people who are active in Church work. In the absence of the minister at the Assembly, the "Club" took the services one Sunday and the Session the other. Easter Sunday eighteen young men led the singing. This interest on the part of the young people bespeaks a bright and hopeful future for this congregation.

Moosomin W.M.S., with a membership of seventeen, is planning to furnish a room in the Girls' School Home, Saskatoon. These ladies, being without a Church home, at present are holding their regular monthly meetings in the different homes. The congregation meets for Sunday service in the Orange Hall. A Young People's Society of thirty-five members meets once a month at the different homes and has devotional services every Sunday evening after the Church service. There is also a Juvenile Guild of thirty members superintended by the minister, Rev. A. Walker.

Whitewood.—The W.M.S. of Whitewood reports an active membership of fourteen with Mrs. J. C. McLean Bell as President. The junior girls have been organized into a "Sunbeam" Club. The work is progressing very satisfactorily in all organizations.

Carnduff.—At this point a little band of faithful women, five in number, are struggling against great odds but are doing a quiet work which will eventually be rewarded.

Heward.—This point reports eleven members in their W.M.S. They hope to have two Life Members this year. They also have decided to put a furnace and basement in their Church if possible. Great things can be done through perseverance and enthusiasm.

Life Members

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Christie McCuag, Erskine Aux., Ottawa; Mrs. William McNaughton, Lancaster Aux.; Mrs. T. G. Marshall, St. Peter's Aux., Madoc; Mrs. William Borthwick, St. John's Aux., Cornwall; Mrs. Alex. Robinson, North Mornington Aux.; Mrs. Leckie, St. Andrew's Aux., Stratford; Miss Mary Symons, St. Mary's Aux.; Mrs. William Kelly, Knox Aux., New Glasgow; Mrs. Alex. McIntosh, Skye Aux., Kenyon; Mrs. William Monro, St. Andrew's Aux., Thorold; Mrs. R. D. MacNaughton, St. Andrew's Aux., Maple; Mrs. J. N. Campbell, Ridgetown Aux.; Rev. George William Boughton, Torbolton, Kinburn and Pakenham Auxs.; Miss Catherine Anne McMillan, Kinburn Aux.; Mrs. A. T. Neil, St. Paul's Aux., Hamilton; Mrs. W. Barclay, Central Ch. Aux., Hamilton; Mrs. Chas. Drummond, Waterdown Aux.; Mrs. Robert S. Stratton, Orillia Aux.; Mrs. John K. Mayburry, N. Mornington Aux., Britton R.R. 1.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

May Campbell, Helen Sheila MacIver, "King's Own" M.B., Dunvegan; Miss Shirly Jean Dunbar, Miss Shirly Jean Sutherland, St. Andrew's M.B., Stratford; Mary Elizabeth Swalwell, W. W. M.B., Tolmie Memorial Ch., Port Elgin; Chas. Ferguson Le Cocq, Sunbeam M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Fort William.

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Hugh Munroe, St. John's Aux., Cornwall.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Marie Allyn, by her sisters, Mrs. L. Reissner and Miss Lily Allyn, Knox Church, Leamington.

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, Ninga Aux.

Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. George E. Henry, Mrs. D. C. Morrison, Huntingdon Aux.; Mrs. James T. Kerr, Mrs. W. Stewart Kerr, Mrs. James T. Stewart, Mrs. David T. Ness, Howick Aux.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Miss Margaret Holmes by Miss Mary Kilgour, Beauharnois Aux.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. Robert Allan, given by her son, Mr. John Allan, Knox-Crescent Aux.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

London P.S.—North Caradoc M.B.

Maitland P.S.—"Sunshine" M.B., Cranbrook; Ripley M.B.

Ottawa P.S.—"Bright Star" M.B., Knox Church, Ottawa.

Superior P.S.—"McKay" M.B., First Presbyterian Ch., Port Arthur.

Treasurer's Statement

September 30th, 1927

RECEIPTS

Ottawa, Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario"	$ 10.00

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS

Ontario	5,000.00
Quebec	700.00
	$5,710.00

Disbursements

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 370.00
McMurray Hospital	140.00
Canora Hospital	506.85
Vegreville Hospital	1,004.20
Chinese Work in Canada	650.16
Indian School, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	285.84
Indian School, Birtle	592.17
New Liskeard School Home	60.00
Saskatoon School Home	100.00
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The Glad Tidings

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A Prayer For Christmas Morning

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—*Henry VanDyke*

Editorial

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Corresponding and International Secretary of the W.M.S. (Western Division), the other member of the deputation chosen by the General Assembly to visit the overseas fields, left for India on November 1st to join the other members of the party. The deputation includes Rev. D. MacOdrum, of Brockville, and Mr. C. S. McDonald, of Brampton, representing the Church, and Mrs. D. Strachan, of Toronto, representing the W.M.S. Mr. McDonald is also accompanied by Mrs. McDonald and their son. Miss MacMurchy sailed on the *Mount Royal* from Quebec on November 2nd, and on the *City of Baroda*, City Hall Line, from Liverpool on November 16th, and expects to join the deputation in Calcutta.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy

In bidding farewell to the Council Executive Miss MacMurchy said, "In

going on this deputation work for which we have been chosen, I am going as the representative of 42,000 women, who form this Society, and it is the spirit of this Society which we wish to carry with us. The wisdom of sending a deputation cannot be doubted. We who had the privilege of sitting on the Board of Missions and hearing the discussion on the work in British Guiana know that the contribution of Mrs. McKerroll, who recently visited that field with the Commission, was priceless. Miss Robson is going back to India feeling that she has such a strength behind her. If your representative can go to the fields and get the missionaries to feel that, and share with them our happiness, courage and confidence, and bring back a true picture of the work and detail of the buildings—that is the benefit of a Commission."

As Miss MacMurchy sets forth in the interest of the work of the kingdom, our love goes with her and our prayers will follow her.

Miss Bertha M. Robson, M.A., who has been our missionary in the Bhil field for the past fifteen years, has returned to India. She sailed on October 29th from Montreal, on the *S.S. Regina.* It was a matter of very real regret that she and Miss MacMurchy could not have gone together but unforeseen circumstances prevented this plan being carried out. Miss Robson is going back with the promise of a Ford car, and to quote her own words to the Council Executive in bidding them farewell:

Miss Bertha M. Robson, M.A.

"I am going back to India with such a comfortable feeling that you are supporting us in everything, and that we will not have to *urge* our needs, just *tell* them and they will be sympathetically received. A new day is opening for the Bhil field. I have had a very happy furlough and am going back to a happier term of service."

Miss Robson is taking with her a hydraulic ram which will assure the Mission of a plentiful supply of water. She knows what it means to work without equipment and she also knows that the things you have to

work with are not nearly so important as the people, and especially the children. If you get them the other things will come. She whispered a warning to the new missionaries not to go expecting a school or hospital all ready. The first school was started on the verandah of a bungalow, and when no bottle was available for one of the babies they applied the baby to a goat until a bottle could be procured. There is not one wealthy Bhil, yet if a Christian Bhil gets ten dollars a month, he always pays one tenth into the Church. Miss Robson has some wonderful castles in the air, and we share her hope that the time is not far distant when these castles may become realities.

Rev. David A. Smith, Superintendent of our Chinese Work in Canada, was a recent visitor at the Council Executive. Speaking of the work in Vancouver, he paid high tribute to the loyalty of the Chinese men and stated, that although we had lost our property and had to vacate our building on November 1st, a meeting place had been secured and the work was being carried on in one of the Orange Halls. "If any one in Canada is doing a magnificent work," said Mr. Smith, "it is Miss Lawrence. She started a kindergarten in September with four Chinese children; she now has twenty with an average attendance of sixteen. She has been most fortunate in having Miss Dickman, a graduate of British Columbia University, to assist her."

Rev. K. C. Yeung of Vancouver, who has been appointed by the Church to work with the Chinese in Toronto and district, was welcomed and assured of our interest.

Rev. F. Kovacs, our Church missionary to the Hungarians, also addressed us. So wonderful was the picture he drew of the Hungarian Presbyterians that we sought it for our magazine, and Mr. Kovacs most kindly prepared it for us, and it will appear in January.

The many friends of Miss Jessye D. Houston will learn with deep regret of her death, in the Hamilton General Hospital, on October 18th. Miss Houston's official connection with the W.M.S. stretches back to 1911, when she was appointed Editor of the *Home Mission Pioneer*, the official organ of the Home Missionary Society. On the amalgamation of the three Societies, in June of 1914, and the consequent merging of the three magazines under the name *The Missionary Messenger*, Miss Houston was chosen as one of the Editors. Illness in her home, however, demanded her attention and, in 1915, she became Associate Editor, and in June, 1916, was obliged to withdraw from office.

Miss Houston was a daughter of Mr. William Houston, M.A., for many years editorial writer for the *Toronto Globe*, but now resident in

Burlington. Miss Houston possessed great gifts and brought to the work of the Board a clear-seeing mind, rare judgment and undoubted skill. She possessed a compelling personality and undaunted faith in the latent strength of each one to rise to God given tasks. She had wide vision and possessed those marvellous gifts that make for undying friendship. During the war Miss Houston took up the study of occupational therapy, but it is of her service, and the contribution she made to the upbuilding of the great missionary enterprise that we particularly think, and of her aged father who walks the sunset road alone.

WHEN A SOCIETY has been in existence for over sixty years, as our W.M.S. has, Jubilee meetings are to be expected. One just reported to us was that of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque. Golden flowers, golden gifts and golden memories featured in the celebration. One of the memories is of special interest because of its relation to our early history and it fell to the President, Mrs. Bain, to describe the Auxiliary with ten members at the first meeting, on May 17th, 1877. The first contribution sent to Kingston for the eight months of that year was $16.75. In April, 1884, at the suggestion of Principal Grant, it was proposed that this Society support Dr. Elizabeth M. Beatty, if the Foreign Mission Board decided to accept her services. Later, Miss Beatty signified her desire not to belong to any one Society. However, on September 11th, of the same year, an important gathering took place at "Ferncliffe", the home of the late Miss A. M. Machar, to wish Miss Beatty God speed on her departure for the distant mission field of India.

A MOST INTERESTING CHART has been prepared for the use of the different departments of our Church—the W.M.S., Young People's Society, and the Sabbath School. In the centre are the two hemispheres in outline. Directly above them is a space for a photograph or snapshot of the local Church from which are drawn radiating lines to the different points on the maps where our work is carried on. Below is a list of the workers at these points. This chart is issued with the approval of the General Board of Missions and our Council Executive. The hope is that the chart, which is of paper, may be either framed or mounted on cloth to preserve it.

The list of names has been increased since the chart was prepared and shown at the Provincial and Council meetings, in consequence, the price is fifteen cents postpaid.

We are indebted for this design to Miss Faed, a member of Lindsay Presbyterial, who prepared it for the use of the Auxiliaries of that Society, but has willingly granted us permission to use it more extensively.

A TRIBUTE to Agnes Jean Dulmage prepared by Miss Agnes I. Dickson and Miss Ethel C. Reid will be ready for sale before Christmas. This beautiful life, which was finished on earth in September, 1926, is a call to others to follow in Miss Dulmage's footsteps, in so far as she followed Christ. Price, 25 cents.

THOSE wishing to give a Christmas present to their pastor will find inspiration in the *Missionary Review of the World*. It is like a telescope giving a glimpse of far-off places. The subscription price is $2.10 club rate. In order to secure the January number, subscriptions must be sent to our office by December 1st.

Another suggestion for the same purpose, but for ministers who have the background of the Old Land but not the background of Canada, we would advise the "Life of Dr. James Robertson," for twenty-five years missionary superintendent of the North-West Territory. Price, $1.25, postpaid. The supply of this biography is limited.

EVERY NOW AND AGAIN the Editor receives articles, reports of meetings and various items of news for insertion in the *Glad Tidings* from sources other than the Provincial Press Secretaries. When such items come from Ontario they are immediately passed on to the Ontario Provincial Press Secretary who resides in Toronto. In the case of Western contributors the question of time enters in, and on one or two occasions the Editor took the liberty of inserting them under the Provincial news of that province, with the result that she has laid herself open to criticism, as some of the information sent in was not accurate. In order to be quite constitutional and prevent the onus of inaccuracy falling on the shoulders of the Provincial Press Secretary when she is not responsible for it, the Editor asks that, in future, all local material for insertion in the *Glad Tidings* be sent direct to the Provincial Press Secretary, and in time to enable her to recast it to suit the space and get it to Toronto on or before the first of the month prior to the date of issue.

MR. K. C. YEUNG has just arrived to take up work among the Chinese in the City of Toronto under the Presbyterian Church. His work will be centered in the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute where our Miss Dickson has her headquarters. Mr. Yeung has been, for the last six months, supplying in the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Victoria, B.C. He is a native of Canton and was a teacher in the High School before entering the ministry. Previous to coming to Canada he was in charge of the Cantonese Church in Shanghai for four years. Mr. Yeung is one of the outstanding leaders among the Chinese young men and his appointment will mean much in the building up of Chinese Christian work in Toronto and district.

OUR W.M.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED $500 towards the furnishing of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and we hope that any gifts intended for the Home will be sent to us to replace this amount in our treasury.

IN THE JANUARY NUMBER there will be a copy of the programme for the World Day of Prayer for Women, February 24th. Would the conveners or chairmen of these meetings who wish extra copies of this programme let us know in time the number required so that we may order a supply sufficient to meet the demand.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED of the safe arrival in India of Miss McConnell and Miss Williamson.

OUR ATTENTION has been directed to two mistakes which inadvertently appeared in the Editorial notes in the November issue. Under staff appointments it was stated that Miss J. I. McRae is assistant matron of the Boys' School Home at Vegreville. Miss McRae is the teacher in the school for children in the junior classes in the Homes. Also we referred to Mrs. Moore, who is in charge of the school at Mistawasis as the wife of the missionary. Mrs. Moore is the mother of the missionary.

The Treasurer

THE Treasurer would like to remind every member of the Society, that we have only one month till the end of the year, and that out of $170,000 estimated for only $77,800 has been received. The sum asked for is going to be required to carry the work we have undertaken for this year, and we hope that no money given through the W.M.S. will be diverted to other objects.

The Christmas Spirit

AT Christmas the world as a whole comes closer to Christ than at any other season. It is ordinarily very much preoccupied with material affairs, feverishly engaged in pleasure and business, but at Christmastide a spell seems to fall upon men and women, a softer feeling passes over their hearts, and sets free the finer qualities of their natures as the warm spring wind sets free the scents and blossoms of the earth, and for a brief space they move in a common atmosphere of peace and goodwill. Personal relations become more genial and unselfish; kindness, charity, and love find fuller expression. It is the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of Christ. The accession of deeper feeling that comes to the world at this time is a tribute to His personality and the influence of

His teaching. Even those who do not acknowledge Him as their Master are unconsciously affected by the impulse which has come down through the ages from Him.

The Christmas mood, so intense, so affluent, is, however, much of it transient. Like the seed on the stony place it springs up suddenly, but having no deep root it withers away. The world plunges again into its fierce competitive struggle, its impetuous pursuit of amusement, and for the most part ignores Christ's way of life. There is infinite pathos in the situation, and the angels must surely look upon it with infinite pity. As we read in *John Inglesant*: "How can we watch this restless, quivering human life, this ceaseless effort of a finite creature to attain those things which are agreeable to his created nature, alike in all countries under all climates and skies and whatever change of garb or semblance the long course of years may bring, with any other thought than that of tolerance and pity—tolerance of every sort of city existence, pity for every kind of toil and evil, year after year repeated, in every one of earth's cities, full of human life and pleasure as in the streets of that old Jerusalem over which the Saviour wept?"

Does not the Christmas spirit indicate in what direction we should look for the remedy that would guide the world to satisfaction and peace? There are many who think that legislative reforms will put matters right. They imagine that if Christ came again amongst us He would start a political and social campaign. That is what people imagined He would do nineteen centuries ago. Human nature is very much the same still and He is unchanged. But He would do as He did then. He would tell us that the things that make for happiness in life are the simple things—kindness, peace, faith, purity, love—the things that are embodied in the Christmas spirit. It is our point of view that He would seek to change. At this season our outlook shifts a little upward: we occupy a higher spiritual standpoint than at other times, and experience a rush of rarer feeling. Christ would have us alter our ordinary low attitude, because if we did that we should alter the conditions of life which we control. Legislation is a result, not a cause: it is, largely, the Christmas spirit in action, but unless the bent of the will and desire, the fundamental unseen forces, are changed, the chief factors of evil are not eliminated. The world to-day is the expression of our thought; purify our thought and a new world would be created.

Despite much that seems to tell us otherwise the process is going on. The spirit of the Christmas festival is one of hope. There is much to mar its beauty, but it is developing and spreading year by year. It indicates that humanity is capable of rising above its normal level. It is the high-water mark of its progress and holds the promise of future

permanent attainment. If only it had free play, always, it would gradually counteract the conditions that make the world miserable. Our life is like a river which is fouled by factories along its banks, but which if left to God's natural forces, or, as the man of science would say, to oxidation and sedimentation, would in the course of time become sweet and wholesome. In the same way, if we could give the Christmas spirit a chance it would purify and re-create humanity. The point for us to realize is that we are all in the movement and can help to speed it onward. Our individual part should be to keep the glow of the Christ-spirit in our lives throughout all the coming months. And we can do that if we keep Christ in our hearts. —*The Missionary Record.*

Impressions by the Way

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

S.S. "Empress of Russia," October 1st.

"SO far we have had a good voyage though the first two or three days out there was a fair sea running and many of our fellow passengers took to their cabins. Since then we have had good sailing but, to-day, as we are getting near the coast of Japan, we are having all sorts of weather, first fog, then sun, then rain, and now wind, and the good old ship is rolling considerably. We should land at Yokohama very early Monday morning.

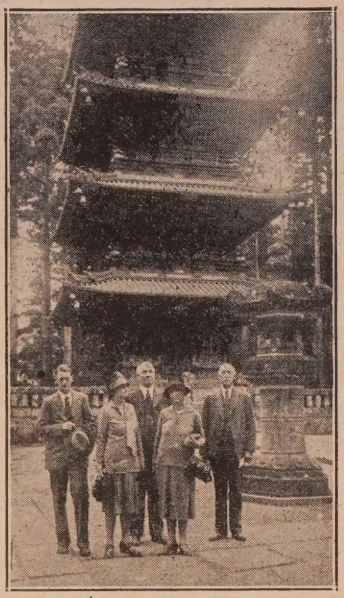
Last night there was a social gathering in the second cabin saloon of all the missionaries and their friends. There were about forty-five present. Each person was asked to rise, give their name, their Church and where they were going. It was most interesting. Our own Mr. Luther Young was in the chair. Dr. Cochrane, of the Leper Mission Medical Service, gave an address on his work and a most valuable one."

Nikko, Japan, October 8th.

"We came up here to-day from Tokyo to get some of the atmosphere of Japan. We remain till to-morrow when we return to Tokyo to spend Sabbath, and then go on to Kobe.

Tokyo is, of course, an industrial centre and very Japanese, there are only one thousand foreigners in it, and nothing of very great beauty outside of the Meiji Shrine, etc. But Nikko is one of the beauty spots of Japan. The ride up is through what might be called the best agricultural part of Japan—rice fields galore, and plenty of market gardens. Every inch of land is cultivated. The railways here are very good, their electric lines being second to none we have seen anywhere. It is a relief to get up here away from the signs of the terrible earthquake. We are three

thousand feet above Tokyo and it is very mountainous. Here is the most famous Buddhist shrine in Japan and the tombs of two of their most famous rulers, Iyeyasu and Iyemitsu. The whole shrine is a most lovely park—great paved avenues with enormous trees on either side, leading here and there to the different temples like the vaulted nave of a great cathedral. The beauty of the temples themselves no tongue can describe—red lacquer with trimmings of blue and gold lacquer, and inset everywhere, trimmings of beaten brass, gold, etc., while all around are wonderful carvings of sacred peacocks, dragons, and so on. The devoutness of a people, who three hundred years ago conceived of this beauty spot as a place of worship and meditation, must be reckoned with. Christianity has set itself a hard task.



Canadian Pilgrims before the pagoda at the Shinto Shrines, Nikko, Japan. (From left): Mr. McDonald, Jr., Mrs. C. S. McDonald, Rev. D. MacOdrum, Mrs. D. Strachan, Mr. C. S. McDonald.

We have had some great days with Miss Caroline Masdonald. She is a remarkable woman, and I am proud again and again to think we have a share in her work. Every Thursday evening there is a religious meeting held instead of the night school classes. To this come the factory girls who compose the night schools, ex-prisoners, boys on probation from the Juvenile Court and other boys and young men who have been touched by her work. The Thursday evening we were there they gave us a welcome meeting. There were at least fifty present. Mr. Yaenacla, Miss Macdonald's right hand man, presided, and introduced us and made an address. He lives there, takes charge of the finances and does a great deal of the prison work. They sing a great many hymns to our tunes and it seemed very strange to hear such tunes as "Joy to the World", "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Rock of Ages," set to words we didn't understand. However, we five sang in English and they in Japanese, then Mr. Mitsui

led in prayer. He and his wife also are of the household, he is a probation officer at the Juvenile Court. Then Mr. Macdonald, Mr. MacOdrum and I spoke, after being introduced, and Miss Macdonald interpreted. We felt she must have given a very liberal translation of our remarks and wished we might always be in such good hands. Then there was silent prayer, followed by some sentence prayers or petitions from the girls, a hymn and prayer, then refreshments were served, and off they all clattered home on their wooden sandals.

All were in Japanese dress except the young Japanese lady who was in charge of the School. She is a most attractive girl of twenty-three and was in European dress. The pianist was a young Japanese woman, a graduate of one of the Schools of Music in Tokyo. One of the teachers in the night school was present. Miss Macdonald introduced her to me as a graduate of one of the Universities, with honors in mathematics. She speaks English very well. Two seats from me was a man just out of prison two months, next to him a young Japanese boy who just works on the streets in the down town section. He speaks English very well, has worked hard at it and comes to the night classes in English taught by Miss Macdonald's blind friend. He is by way of being quite an orator and has a great memory. At the English classes when his turn comes for a recitation he will say, "I will now tell you about Napoleon" and will reel off something he has committed to memory."

Elizabeth in the Valley

MISS RUTH BUCHANAN

THIS is the story of a lovely Valley at the world's end, of its toy houses, its laughter and weeping and of the Gifts of Love.

The Amkhut Valley is very lovely in September—full of wee green fields of waving corn, and soft warm patches of black-brown earth, where belated farmers have ploughed for late *sami* sowings. A silver river winds through green overhanging trees, yellow sand, and white river rocks. On either side lie picture-book houses, up to their chins in corn, perching sometimes tiptoe on the hillocks, and sometimes dangling askew on the hillsides that shut out the world from the Valley.

They are homes only *pour rire* as French people say—sort of kindergarten houses, the walls woven of bamboo, yellow and green and brown. The sunset glows red and the midnight stars dance white through the interstices. On the roof are flat mud-pie tiles, sun-baked, in decorous rows, topped all along the peak with shining river stones, white as icing on a chocolate cake. "The prettiest house in the world, my dears!" Funny little make-believe houses in the circle of the Vindhiya Hills!

For all that there live in the play-houses grown men and women, straight-limbed boys and girls, and velvet soft babies with eyes as brown as the new ploughed soil, and as bright as the river stones on the roof ridge. Sometimes the babies are fat and crinkled and crowing, like babies across the sea; then the mothers are smiling and glad too. But sometimes as soon as you see them you know that they are babies that never had a chance, wee, wizened, wailing morsels of suffering humanity.

When you ask, they tell you that things went wrong when the baby came. Old Puni, the midwife, assured them that all would be well in a day or two. So she got her pay and left. And that was that.

But the baby grew worse.

Then they thought he had an evil spirit in his poor little swollen stomach. They knew that there was only one cure for that. They took a burning stick from the fire, and while mother-hands struggled with the tiny, writhing limbs, father-hands scarred the lovely body. The smell of blood and raw flesh and sweet sag bloom came down the evening wind. A panther drinking at the river, sniffed and vanished in the grass. Ignorance and superstition crouched under the low roof of the toy house.

And still the baby grew worse.

At last, they called the witch doctor. He muttered and mumbled over the red coals, and shook filth from his unkempt head over the baby's open wounds. That done, he demanded in payment the milch cow. He took it and left. And that was that.

The next day the baby died.

The mother's long, low wailing filled the Valley all that night. Oh! "prettiest house in the world," what woe among woven walls and under mud-pie roofs!

It was just then that one day the mail brought a five pound cheque, a gift from Canada, and Elizabeth's wedding brought Elizabeth, a gift from God.

Elizabeth is a Bhil girl, a nurse, trained in the Irish Presbyterian Hospital in Gujerat. She brought with her the skill, the knowledge, and the will to help. The five pound note from a little lady over the sea made it possible for her to help efficiently—it provided her with equipment.

"How is the new baby?" I asked her yesterday.

Elizabeth may be a Bhil girl, but she smiles an Irish smile. "Splendid," she flashed, "splendid! They thought he would die at first, but I helped them. And this evening he is all better."

Will you pray God that His blessing may rest on the Gifts of Love—Elizabeth and her work in the Valley at the World's End?

The Candidate Department

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT

OUR Candidate Department keeps "open house" the year round, and many candidates have crossed our doorstep during the summer, as well as the autumn months. Some had been before, but many were making their first call. They came, sometimes by letter, sometimes in person, and always they came, not in numbers, but as we like our friends to come, in ones and twos, and very occasionally in groups.

Not all were seeking mission work. A few were just on business bent. They had fine equipment, and were ready to give good service. When they learned that we are something more than a business concern, they went away, interested. Perhaps they will come again. Who knows?

Others there were who came bringing much of interest with them, and many qualifications for service—the teacher, the nurse, the deaconess, and the would-be deaconess, the specialist in Jewish work, the expert business woman, the trained housekeeper, the experienced matron, the seamstress—So many of the ways in which woman walk and work have been represented by these candidates, with their worth-while equipment, and fine testimonials. All were ready or eager to make ready for service with our Society.

During the summer six or eight applicants were appointed to hospital, school home or Indian boarding school in the west. A number of others are now in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, among them six who are accepted for overseas service. Two of these are nurses, three are teachers, and one is looking to evangelistic work.

Others again, for whom we had no immediate openings, are continuing the work at hand, and will join us as opportunity offers.

To all who have come, the door has opened readily. We are glad to know them, and to place them as we can. In the meantime we keep their names before us, and have them always in mind.

And now we are standing our door ajar in our eagerness to welcome a few who have not yet come. These are some specially trained workers, who are needed for posts which they alone can fill. One need is for a kindergarten teacher and a music teacher, another is for university graduates for the principalship of schools, and last, but surely not least, is the oft repeated appeal for medical women in our overseas fields.

The Departments sends this brief statement of needs on its way with a hope and a prayer, that it may reach some young women who are looking for worth while things to do. Could we be near when the message reaches them, we should like to say—we need you. We cannot do our best work without you. But more. The Master needs you for the service you

can render Him. His work may be tarrying while you wait. Who knows but that you have been equipped for such a need as this?

And still, the Candidate Department keeps the door ajar for your coming.

A Brief Description of a Short Life

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His feet inside a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and to-day He is the centrepiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One solitary life."

With this touching and beautiful story, Rev. Jesse R. Wilson, of New York, prefaced his address on "Recruiting Student Volunteers for our Canadian Mission Board" before a gathering of representative members of the various Women's Missionary Boards in Toronto, on October 23rd. Mr. Wilson is the new General Secretary of the North American Student Volunteer Movement, succeeding Dr. Robert P. Wilder who has gone to the Near East. Tracing the aims and development of the movement, Rev. Mr. Wilson stated that since its inception in 1886, by Dr. Wilder, 11,500 missionaries had gone out to the foreign fields through the movement.

It is not an organization, it is a living movement and its object is to keep alive missionary interest among the students and to challenge them to an unselfish outlook on life, and the students are responding.

There are to-day 30,000 protestant missionaries in the world and it takes 1,500 each year merely to maintain the present staff, and 1,000 of these must come from the United States and Canada.

The Student Volunteer Movement stands to serve all the boards and Mr. Wilson asked that special prayer be made for the Detroit Convention which promises to be the largest gathering in the last decade—no less than 5,000 delegates are expected.

Chinese Workers' Convention

MRS. W. G. HANNA

THE seventh annual convention of the Eastern Canada Chinese Mission was held in the city of London, November 5th to 7th. Of the hundred and twenty-one delegates present, two were among those who addressed the conference, Dr. Hinman, Secretary for Oriental work, U.S.A., who gave very helpful suggestions for further development in the work, and Dr. Fisher, who is at present on furlough in New York from South China. Fifty-two of the delegates were resident in London and thirty-three were Presbyterians from outside points.

The official workers present from the Presbyterian Church were Rev. David Smith, Superintendent for Chinese Work in Canada; Mrs. W. G. Hanna, W.M.S. Secretary for Orientals in Canada; Miss Ethel C. Reid, of Montreal; Miss H. W. Davies, of Brockville; Miss Agnes I. Dickson, of Toronto; Mr. Gordon Taylor, of Montreal; and Rev. Yeung Kai Chong, recently appointed by the Assembly's Board of Missions as Chinese missionary in Eastern Canada, with headquarters in Toronto.

The convention was presided over by the Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay, an Honorary President, and Mr. H. C. Ellis, President, and was again honored by the presence of the Chinese Consul General who gave several addresses in Chinese and English. The National League showed their interest by presenting a beautiful basket of flowers. A sumptuous banquet was tendered to the delegates by resident Chinese. A Chinese children's chorus and two solos added much to the enjoyment of the meetings. The Chinese speakers at the convention were Rev. Mr. Tang, of Montreal, Rev. Mr. Lo and Rev. Mr. Yeung, of Toronto.

The addresses of Mr. Tang and Mr. Yeung dealt clearly and forcefully with the difficulties Chinese Christians are facing to-day, the rise and present status of the Church of Christ in China and its relation to the foreign mission body. Dr. Fisher's address on Sabbath afternoon was also along this line. The ideal toward which they are working is a Chinese Church with native leadership predominating and foreign missionaries and Chinese working side by side.

The account given by Rev. Mr. Tang of the home missionary work carried on by the Chinese Missionary Promotion Society was most interesting and a recommendation was brought in that the money contributed by Chinese classes in Canada be devoted to this work.

An inspiring message was given at the Thanksgiving service, by Rev. Dr. MacGregor, of St. Andrew's Church.

Two addresses specially worthy of note were the "Historic sketch of the work," with views from Canada and South China, given by Rev. Dr. Noyes, and one by Rev. David Smith dealing with the changing aspect of Chinese work in Canada. Mr. Smith gave as the slogan for the future "Every one of the 40,000 Chinese in Canada for Christ" and stressed the importance of choosing out promising young Chinese growing up in Canada, and training them for leadership.

It was a matter of regret that, owing to lack of time, reports from several schools and workers were not called for.

A unique feature was the presentation of a report, for the first time, by a Chinese girl, Miss Agnes Mark. She reported the C.G.I.T. Group composed of the older Chinese girls in Toronto.

The reporting committees were devotional, business, educational and publicity, and the plans for the coming year were entrusted to them. The committee to secure the amelioration of the immigration law was enlarged and instructed to continue their endeavors zealously.

A very impressive closing message was given to the convention by Miss Agnes I. Dickson, who emphasized the thoughts "Sanctify yourselves—praying always."

A Festival of Lights

"Just now we are preparing for a Festival of Lights at the end of the month—the prettiest and sweetest of all the Hindu festivals. The rains over, the harvest gathered in, every nook and cranny swept and garnished, all the wee mud houses mud-washed, and the bigger houses white, pink, blue and purple washed, the girls set row upon shining row of tiny earthen lamps alight in courtyards and verandahs, and on the flat roofs. All the earth is tranformed to sky, a-twinkle above and below! Di-vali, they call it—the Feast of Lamps. Can you imagine our Compound in the dark of the moon aglow with floating wicks, flickering in the night wind—girls' hostel and boys' hostel, Church, dispensary, bungalows and houses; a torch-light procession; a new Bhili hymn about Jesus, the Light of the world; and the baby class under the white stars singing, 'Like the Stars of the Morning'."

—*Miss Ruth Buchanan*

A Message to the Elect

THE highest honor is assignment to exacting service.
The best report is the simple, "I have finished my work."
The sincerest praise is, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Our Church honors womanhood in the assignment of large posts for service. The "Elect Ladies" quietly and efficiently complete each task assigned.

Our W.M.S. designates November and December as *Glad Tidings* renewal months and the Society has committed to the Auxiliaries the task of making certain that this magazine becomes a regular visitor in every home in the Presbyterian Church.

This is a large task. But it should be done; it can be done, and the Auxiliaries can do it. In discharging this service the Auxiliaries are entitled to the whole-hearted encouragement and co-operation on the part of the minister and members of the Church.

Our magazine is the tie that binds our W.M.S. women together and makes it an efficient organism. It records and reflects the life and work of our W.M.S.; every home needs it; the Church needs it; efficiency in the Kingdom of God demands it.

The women of the W.M.S. have been honored with a sacred commission for service. Has our work merited the "well done, good and faithful servant?" —*Adapted.*

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our Home Church and the workers in Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, C.G.I.T. Groups, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, and Ladies' Aids; inactive members and non-members. Pray that God will give the workers a vision of world need, and of their responsibility and opportunity in helping to meet it, and a realization that He will supply their every need in carrying out their task; that inactive ones may come to know the joy and blessing of service; that non-members may be led to accept and confess Christ, and join in His service; that the whole Church may be stirred to new life and a fresh realization of the grace and power of God.

OUR LETTER BOX

Work at Fort McMurray

"I was absent during the month of July and enjoyed the vacation so generously given me by the Council Executive. I was greatly refreshed and ready for the two patients whom I found awaiting my return. One was a young Irish woman, who had only recently come out, whom I was able to be of assistance prior to her admittance to hospital. The other patient was suffering from cystitis. She returned on her long journey to Chipewyan feeling much benefitted by her treatment in the hospital. Besides the above, I made forty visits, dressed two burned cases, a badly infected hand, and two wounds from cuts by an ax, one in the leg and another in the hand. During the month of August, I was greatly honored by a visit from Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen from Edmonton. Owing to the inconvenient train service, we were unable to enjoy a church service. They continued their journey to Fort Smith much refreshed after their outing, despite the many inconveniences.

We had fewer Indians camp here for the summer owing to the fact that they had such a hard winter in catching fur, due to the intense cold, and therefore had less money to spend when they came here for a holiday. Last year I visited several cases.

He have had a week of ideal summer weather, such a difference to last year when the cold came so suddenly and remained. I have a little patient suffering from bronchial trouble. The little room she occupies is filled with sunshine. —*Miss Olive Ross.*

British Guiana Needs

Sarnia, British Guiana.

"Christmas is drawing near, and I am hoping we shall have something to give the children. Nothing came last year. Do you think we might hope for some dolls, however small, other than little rag dolls? These get very dirty and in this climate are soon unsanitary. China ones would be cleaner and I hope to be able to give some help in dressing them.* We should be so grateful for any such! I know that the other missionary people feel just the same about this and perhaps do not quite like to ask. I, being an outsider, have no such qualms! Besides I feel so sure that the ladies would be able to see this from my point of view.

I wonder if any friends have yet discovered an unwanted musical instrument that could be used for leading the singing and for teaching first tunes to the children. I have been hoping for something that would take up little room in the car. If only I had learned the violin!

Malaria has been very prevalent. Mrs. Cropper has been quite ill all September and now she and Miss Cropper have had a sharp attack of influenza.

We had a severe thunder storm three weeks ago and the lightning struck the spire of our Church here. Providentially the rain came down in torrents at the time and put out the flames or it would have been burnt down. —*Miss Emma Page*

* NOTE: We are delighted to inform our readers that Mrs. Fletcher, Council Supply Secretary, has been able to send the gifts asked for these children.

Programme for Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL W.M.S.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1928

MRS. W. M. KANNAWIN

INTERCESSION: That in our individual hearts and throughout the Presbyterian Church, we may maintain such a thorough-going belief in God, the Father Almighty, Christ, His only Son, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, as will impel us, at any sacrifice, to seek to enthrone Him in the hearts of mankind.

LEADER: O come, let us worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

ALL: Silent prayer of individual dedication.

LEADER: Then saith Jesus unto His disciples—"The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Let us all intercede, by means of this service, that the Master's call may be heard:

I. By the whole membership of our Church.

PRAISE: Hymn 599. "O God of Bethel."

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145. "I will extol Thee, my God, O King!"

PRAYER: (1) That the abiding presence of our fathers' God may inspire the Church with renewed strength and vision.

(2) For all ministers, missionaries, and Christian leaders at home and overseas.

II. By the members of our Women's Missionary Society.

"Thy mercies have been numberless. Thy love, Thy grace, Thy care
Were wider than our utmost need, and higher than our prayer!"

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 4:31-42. "Fields white to harvest."

PRAISE: Hymn 373. "Christ for the World We Sing."

INSPIRATIONAL TALK: The Romance of Our Overseas Fields.

PRAYER: Gratitude that women redeemed are the honored messengers to benighted sisters at home and far away.

Let us continue to supplicate that Christ's call may be heard:

III. By our young men and women—the hope of the Church.

"Faith of our fathers! God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for Thee;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death."

PRAISE: Hymn 540. "Lead on, O King Eternal."

INTERCESSION: (1) That our young men and women may glory in the cross of Christ.

(2) That the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth many young people into His harvest.

(3) That the spirit of Christ may permeate all leaders of the young, in Church, training schools and colleges.

IV. By the children in our homes, Sabbath Schools and Mission Bands.

LEADER: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Luke 18:16.

PRAISE: Hymn 796. "When Mothers of Salem."

SCRIPTURE: Jesus set a little child in the midst—Mark 9:33-42.

BRIEF TALK: Spreading His Kingdom in the Home Land.

PETITION: (1) That our homes and our children may be at Christ's disposal for the incessant claims of His work.

(2) That the godly home, the Sabbath School and Mission Band, working together, may train young souls to the upbuilding of our own land and the bringing in of the world-wide Kingdom of Christ.

DOXOLOGY: 811. "To Him that loved the souls of men."

LORD'S PRAYER: Followed by silent prayer for our native land.

A Prayer at Christmastide

"HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! In adoration, praise and thanksgiving we would come into Thy presence at this Christmas time. In deep humility we would acknowledge before Thee all our failures and our sins; forgive us, we pray Thee, for Christ's sake, all our transgressions, and so strengthen us against temptation that we may be kept ever in Thy love and fear. We thank Thee for the great gift of Thy love, for the Christ Child who came down to earth. We thank Thee for His gentleness and obedience, for all His loving sympathy and helpfulness while He dwelt among men, and we pray that our hearts may be filled with His love and our lives be spent in His service. Oh loving Father, grant, we pray, a special blessing at this Christmas season to all the little children of the world. May the message of Christ's love for little children be made known to them all, that early they may learn to love and serve Him. In these days of gladness, be with all who sorrow and are lonely, speak peace to their hearts and comfort them that they may rejoice in all Thy loving kindness and tender mercy. Bless our missionaries, too, our Father, and all who are far from home and friends at Christmastide. May messages from the homeland cheer them and may they and their loved ones be drawn very near through the bond of Thy abiding presence. Hear us, our Father, as we pray for blessing on our beloved Church and our W.M.S. May every member in them be a living witness of the love of Christ, and an unwearying messenger of the glad tidings of salvation. May we have the joy of sharing in the consummation of that great day when our Saviour's expectation shall be realized and His kingdom be established throughout the world. For these blessings, our Father, and for all Thou seest us to need, we pray in and through the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen."

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

THE manger at Bethlehem, above which the bright star gleamed, and a host of angels hovered, and whither wise men and simple hearted shepherds turned their steps, should likewise be the centre of Christmas in the heart of every Canadian girl.

In many European countries the scene of the nativity is represented year after year in the great cathedrals, and particularly in Italy the so-called presepio has a place in almost every home. One presepio, modelled for a queen, contained eight hundred statues carved with the most minute detail, while many of the wealthy estates have special rooms devoted to the elaborate staging of the Christmas story. But even the humblest cottage has its little representation of the manger with at least the three principal figures and around this the religious devotion and holiday gayeties revolve.

Here in Canada, the French Canadians carry out the same idea in their midnight mass on Christmas eve when the manger scene is represented.

It is a beautiful thought to hold uppermost when the materialism of Christmas is so apt to overwhelm. So, dear girl of to-day, build a little presepio in your heart, and there during the glad season of the Christmastide, draw aside to worship the infant Jesus.

HELPS FOR YOUR MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

HEROES OF OUR HOME LANDS—BARON DE HIRSCH, P. 88.

As Christmastide draws near and once again we warm our hearts from the glow of the Christ child who came to brighten a Jewish home two thousand years ago, and all homes since, it seems fitting that we should think about His people—the Jews, their wonderful history and all we owe to them.

Recall to the girls' memories something of the early Jewish history and the Jewish hope for a Messiah: Isaiah 7:14; 9:6.

Why are Jews found in almost every country in the world to-day? In the story of "Baron de Hirsch" we learn of a wealthy European Jew who answered human need; and we also catch a glimpse of the sufferings of the Jews in Russia and the reason for their migration to Canada and other countries. Have one of the girls tell this story and others refer to Our Canadian Mosaic, p. 47 and 106.

The work of our Church among the Jewish people:

Rev. M. Zeidman, B.D., a Jew, and a graduate of Knox College, has charge of the Jewish work at Scott Institute, Toronto, which is supported by our Church. Miss Ethel Gunn, and Miss MacDonald are special Jewish workers in Toronto under our W.M.S. For the last two summers, Mr. Zeidman has conducted a fresh air camp for Jewish children, and towards this the Council Executive of the W.M.S. gave a grant of money.

Discuss our attitude towards the Jews in our community, or the Jews as a race. How should we feel towards them? What can we do? Plan to save our pennies to give to our missionary fund that we may share in providing Christian workers among the Jews. Pray that the love of the Christ child in our hearts this Christmastide may teach us to love these people; and pray that many of them may receive the Christ.

Clubs, Classes and Groups wishing Christmas services, exercises or material for concerts are referred to the list of such publications which appeared on page 394 of the November *Glad Tidings*.

EN ROUTE WITH MISS SINCLAIR

I did not know that I missed the hills and trees until I neared Prince Albert. Even little scrubs looked homelike. I believe I like the feeling of being near the sky. The prairies are fascinating, too, and "grow" on you. The colorings are beautiful and desert-like this time of year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Moose Jaw Presbytery. I came back to Regina on Sunday, October 23rd, and got the girls at the Sunday School hour. Monday, 24th, I came to Rosetown. I travelled all day but it was worth it. The C.G.I.T. had a delicious supper ready, never did a meal taste so good or look so nice. We played a few games to get in shape for listening, had our meeting and then a conference with the minister and leaders. On to Kindersley Tuesday evening, 25th, where I met a nice group of women and girls. They will organize a Mission Band. The next evening we drove to Coleville. It was a lovely drive of twenty-five miles—rough but interesting—across the prairies. There were thirteen girls and four mothers to meet me. They will organize on Sunday.

Next morning, 6 a.m., I left for Saskatoon and at 11.30 was warmly welcomed by Miss Scott. The Home is lovely. They had a dinner party for me. The girls are organized into the "Blue Banner Class" so decorations were in blue and white with yellow flowers. I sat with the Executive at the head table and talked to the girls after on "Our Education." At 7.30 we went to the Church to be present at a supper for the Sunday School teachers and girls and Dr. Kannawin.

The St. Andrew's girls are off to a good start. We had a short

leaders' conference. There are over thirty girls in the Parkview group. I was in Tisdale on the 28th, Melfort the 29th and 30th, and expect to be in Prince Albert on October 31st to meet the girl guides. Had a wait from 10.30 to 4 and spent it with Miss Patterson, Prince Albert School Home.

Alberta has a fine itinerary. I return to Regina to the Synod, by request, and will enter Alberta at Medicine Hat, November 3rd.

The girls of the various teen-age organizations of the Toronto Presbyterian Churches were invited to spend the evening of November 17th with Miss Ferguson and the girls of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, 156 St. George Street. The attractive new home was a fitting setting for the delightful entertainment prepared. The programme was largely contributed by the students in residence and some of their guests. Miss Ferguson, the Superintendent welcomed the girls to the Home. The address of the evening was given by Miss Simpson, who is going to India as a missionary nurse. About 170 girls were present.

The following teen-age organization has affiliated with the W.M.S.: **Dundalk**—Canadian Girl Guides.

A Young People's Society has been organized at Bassano, Alta., with 24 members on the roll.

MISSION BANDS

Christmas Service

Opening hymn—174 or 175.
Scripture lesson—Matt. 11:1-12; or Luke 11:8-20.
Prayer.
Hymn—168, 169 or 170.
Offering—A Love Gift:

"I cannot do great things for Him
Who did so much for me,
But I should like to show my love
Dear Jesus, unto Thee.
And so my little gift I bring
For Him who gives me everything."

Hymn—172. "Holy Night! Peaceful Night!"
Christmas Story.
Hymn—382. "From the Eastern Mountains."
The Lord's Prayer.

A Happy Christmas

Mrs. J. W. Dill

ALONE in the kitchen of a small cottage in one of our big cities, were David Esson and his baby sister, Thelma. Little Thelma's twin brother had died but David still called the baby "Twinie." She was asleep in her carriage, but the boy was wide awake and thinking very seriously as he sat in his wheel chair—for poor David was a cripple. He would not have liked any one to call him poor for he was a bright, happy boy whose mother called him "my sunny son." The sunshine look was not on his face just then, he seemed worried and sad, and older than his years, and he was only nine. He was thinking—in two days it will be Christmas. Poor dad has not got a job and I am sure mother has sold her pretty pin that grandma's mother gave her. They are not happy this happy time. Then the sunshine look came back as he said aloud to himself, "Mother, this is my Christmas thought—Jesus' mother had no house for her little child and only a manger for his bed. You, dad, the Twinie and me have a nice warm house, and if we cannot have a tree this year, we'll have Jesus for our Christmas gift. Then I will say my verse."

Just then David heard a little crack. He grew suddenly pale as he exclaimed, "Oh! the floor is on fire!" He called, "Mother! Mother, you said you would not be long away. Oh! come, mother, come!" Poor David! he was as helpless as wee Thelma, for he could not move his poor body at all and his arms and hands very little, sometimes his mother had to feed him and this was one of his very bad days. "Oh! Twinie, Twinie!" cried David as he saw the smoke growing thicker. He shouted "Fire! Fire!" as loud as he could for his mother had left the baby in his care and he must save her. But how? He must get to the door and call "Fire!"

The first attempt to move his wheel chair brought terrible pain and a cold sweat to his brow, but he called aloud, "Jesus, help me to save our Twinie!" He moved the chair a little more. Oh, the pain! the pain! but the wee sister—the smoke was going her way. He moved a little further but he had to stop because he felt so faint. Calling out, "Jesus, don't let me faint" he moved nearer the door. At last he was at the door. Could he open it? Again calling for help he moved his pain-wrung body forward and put his hands on the door knob. Then he heard the baby cry. He was getting blind, but he got the door open, called, "Fire! Fire! Oh somebody come!"—then fainted.

A man passing heard the cry, rushed in and put out the fire. Others came and when Mrs. Esson reached home she found a house full of strangers, a kind neighbor caring for the baby and a doctor and deaconess

trying to revive her brave boy. They got him to bed but he fainted when they touched him. The doctor came that night and gave David some medicine to ease the pain and make him sleep. When everyone had gone away he told his father and mother what he had been thinking about Christmas.

He said, "I saw the floor was on fire," and he shuddered.

"Never mind, son," said his father, "it's all over now."

"Yes, dad!" Then, looking into their faces, he said, "Isn't it a good thing that I am Jesus' boy. If He had not helped me I could not have reached the door. Is our Twinie all right?"

"Yes dear, and asleep," said his mother.

Next day the doctor brought a noted surgeon to see David. The lad was in great pain but smiled at the doctors, and patiently endured the pain as they examined him, but his mother saw his lips move and knew he was asking help to bear it.

The doctors had a talk together and then called Mrs. Esson.

The surgeon said, "Mrs. Esson, I want to take that brave lad of yours into my own hospital. I may have to keep him there for many months, but I am almost sure that I can make a well boy of him." And he added, "Remember, he will be as my own son during that time." This meant that it would not cost David's father and mother one cent while their boy was in the hospital and the offer was gladly accepted by his parents.

That night the doctor, his wife, son and little daughter arrived with their arms full of wonderful parcels tied with lovely red ribbons.

The doctor's wife told Mrs. Esson that she knew, with David so ill, that she would not have time to prepare for Christmas, so she had the turkey all dressed ready for the oven and the pudding cooked.

John, a strong boy of fifteen, told David that he was going to be his big brother while his dad had him in the hospital, and he and his sister just covered the bed with gifts for them all. Before they left, the doctor gave Mr. Esson a note to deliver at a certain manufacturing concern on January 2nd. David called out, "Dad, is it a job?"

The doctor smiled and answered, "Yes, laddie, you've guessed it." Then calling "A Merry Christmas to you from us all," the Santa Claus people went away leaving hope and happiness in that little home.

That night David said, "Mother, I must say my Christmas verse."

"There never was a Christmas tree
Till Christ was born for you and me.
The world had worshipped God with fear
Till little Jesus brought Him near.
So may we not be holy, too,
Since Christ did this for me and you?"

—*Ruth Mason Rice.*

That verse we would pass on to our Mission Band boys and girls.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the meeting, September 6th, of the Provincial Board, a letter from the General Assembly gave the following statistics of Presbyterianism in Canada:

Eight Synods; 42 Presbyteries; 626 ministers; 432 self-sustaining charges; 161 augmented charges; 167 mission fields; 1,248 preaching stations; 163,374 members (9,131 increase); 116,617 Sunday School pupils (11,088 increase); $715,469 given for benevolent and missionary purposes ($228,772 increase); total revenue, $4,139,722 ($920,608 increase).

W.M.S. (Eastern Division, that is east of Quebec)—8 Presbyterials, 158 Auxiliaries; 23 Y.P. Societies; 30 C.G.I.T. Groups; 71 Mission Bands, in all 282 branches, with membership of 6,785 and givings of $18,823.

W.M.S. (Western Division, that is the six western provinces)—6 Provincials; 39 Presbyterials; 701 Auxiliaries; 138 Y.W. Auxiliaries; 395 Mission Bands; 178 affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and 31 Associated Societies; in all 1,438 branches (237 increase); with membership of 41,533 (8,118 increase), and a total revenue of $167,094.

The Provincial Treasurer reported receipts of $3,466.28, which included from Calgary $1,056.38; from Red Deer, $190.32; and from Edmonton $661.35, and $100 for the support of a Bible woman in India. The total expenditure was $3,232.78, which included Provincial and Council meeting expenses, and $1,678.74 sent to Toronto.

A new set of beautifully clear missionary slides may be had on application to Mrs. Gibson, Calgary.

Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, reached Alberta November 5th, and remained three weeks in the province. Arrangements were made for her to meet the young people of all organized groups, and unorganized groups as well.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen returned September 24th from a trip to McMurray, Fort Smith and Fitzgerald. At McMurray they found no patients in the hospital, but Miss Ross kept busy visiting and preparing the building for winter.

Mr. James Hall reports the opening of the Vegreville School Homes with 19 boys and 21 girls. All accommodation has been taken, and some children had to be turned away. A Sabbath School was organized September 11th, with Martha Makovichuk's infant class of 5; Pearl Margonuik's class of 6; Miss McRae's class of 13 in the little school.

and in the home study, Mr. Hall's Bible class of older boys, 14; making a total attendance of 38.

Mrs. Peattie gave an interesting account of the Council meeting at a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid. The W.M. Auxiliary held a successful tea at the home of Mrs. John Ross.

Rev. Dr. Clay, Moderator of the General Assembly, was present at the meeting of Synod, at Red Deer, October 25th-27th. The Provincial Executive sent greetings.

Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, arrived in Alberta, in Calgary Presbytery, November 3rd; in Red Deer Presbytery, November 12th, and in Edmonton Presbytery, November 14th.

The Thank-offering at First Church Aux., Edmonton, taken at the October meeting, amounted to $206.00 and the envelope collection to $32.20 more. The Thank-offering included Life Memberships for Miss Olive Ross and Mrs. Harold Deeton, and an Honorary Membership for Mrs. R. McRae. Mrs. Walker's paper on "Giving" was much enjoyed.

Work at Bassano is flourishing. The W. M. Auxiliary realized $40 at a Church tea.

At the October meeting of Strathcona Auxiliary, Edmonton, Mrs. Walker gave a splendid paper. Plans were made for a Hallowe-en social for the Mission Band.

When Calgary Presbyterial met, October 18th, the Treasurer reported a total of $1,276.08 sent to the Provincial Treasurer already this year. The Annual Day of Prayer was set for January 17, 1928. The Library Secretary reported having shipped a case of books for a Sunday School library to Mrs. Key at Faust, and that more books were on hand, awaiting further requests. Grace Presbyterian Church had sent a sewing machine to the Vegreville School Homes, and both Grace and St. Andrew's held successful teas, October 15th. Lethbridge reports an interesting open meeting at which Rev. A. C. Wishart, of Macleod, told of the General Assembly meeting last June.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AN outstanding meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial was held in Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, September 21st, the occasion being a welcome to Mrs. Daniel Strachan, first Vice-President of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the presentation of an Honorary Membership in the W.M.S. to Mrs. Henry Pillar, Provincial President of British Columbia, from the women of the Auxiliaries in the Provincial.

Mrs. Strachan made the presentation, and expressed her great

pleasure at being able to confer this honor on one who had given such splendid service to the Church and Missionary Society for so many years in British Columbia.

Mrs. Pillar expressed her appreciation of the honor done her, and of the efficient manner in which the officers of the Provincial Board stood behind her.

Mrs. Strachan gave an address. Miss Burdick and Miss Adams, the missionaries going to Formosa, with Mrs. C. P. Young, who expects to leave shortly with her husband for India, were seated on the platform with Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Pillar, and Mrs. Herd, the Presbyterial President, who presided.

Miss Burdick and Miss Adams spoke briefly. Rev. Alex. Esler, D.D., Moderator of Presbytery, and Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., Moderator of Synod, also spoke in appreciation of the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. D. A. Smith gave a solo, and in the social hour which followed, all had an opportunity of meeting Mrs. Strachan and the outgoing missionaries.

Mrs. James Herd presided at the meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial, held September 23rd, when good reports were received from the different departments.

Miss Mary Roberts accepted the Literature Secretaryship left vacant by the removal of Mrs. H. B. Mair to Port Alberni.

The Supply Secretary has also left for Victoria to reside and the appointment of her successor was left to the sub-executive.

Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Mission Band Secretary, reported an increase in Mission Bands and a new one to be organized at Kerrisdale shortly.

Mrs. Lyle McGlashan gave a résumé of C.G.I.T. work, and agreed to prepare a questionnaire to be forwarded to each Auxiliary President.

Miss Edith Sinclair, of Toronto, the new Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, will tour British Columbia from November 23rd to December 15th. Mrs. James Herd and Mrs. R. M. Thompson were appointed from the Presbyterial to act on the initial committee to make arrangements for the Council Meeting next May.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S. held a special meeting at Armstrong on September 14th to hear reports of the Provincial and Council Meetings.

Mrs. Wyllie, Presbyterial President, who had been at the Council, gave a comprehensive and interesting report of the business of the Council Meetings.

Delegates were present from Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and Armstrong, some of the ladies having motored one hundred and fifty miles to attend the meeting.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. J. S. HUTCHISON, Provincial President, who was a delegate to the Council Meeting in Windsor, returned to Winnipeg with increased zeal for the great work which lies before the Presbyterian W.M.S. in Manitoba.

On the way home she had the privilege of addressing the congregation of Wallaceburg and explained a few of the difficulties and problems which confronted this portion of our great west. She pictured Winnipeg when the vote was taken, left with only Calvin Presbyterian Church in the suburbs, and Old Kildonan beyond the city limits. All the Presbyterians in this great city of the west being compelled to worship where they could —in theatres and dance halls—while the W.M.S. was so badly disrupted it had not one Auxiliary left, and the individual members had to organize themselves and begin at the foundation and build up as they acquired experience in the work. Winnipeg will have two new Church homes before November is out.

Mrs. Hutchison addressed the Home Helpers' of the Stonewall W.M.S. in August; the First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Winnipeg, in September; St. James' Church Auxiliary in October, also the Thank-offering meeting in Old Kildonan. The lantern lecture, prepared by the Council Executive, on our National and Overseas work, was given at this meeting and proved very enjoyable. The Council meeting was the topic of the other addresses. Mrs. P. Kee shared in the account of this gathering at the First Church meeting.

The members of the Advisory Committee visited some of our Indian missions. At "Cecilia Jeffrey" Boarding School the President addressed the pupils on Sunday morning. The ladies who have visited these stations have come home with renewed zeal for the work and profound admiration for our missionaries, nurses and teachers who are laboring among these people.

"All People's Mission" at (Gonor) Selkirk wishes to tell us of the good time they had with the Mission Band of First Church, Winnipeg, when they played games with them on Mrs. McKenzie's lawn, young and old joining in the fun.

The Young People's Auxiliary of Knox Church, with their leaders, Mrs. Gemmel and Miss Nixen, also a few interested friends, joined with the young people of Gonor in a meeting at which they discussed "The Keeping of the Fourth Commandment." Mrs. McKenzie gave a very interesting talk on this subject, speaking of the blessings which followed those who observed the Sabbath day. A social hour followed.

Mrs. H. B. Robson and Mrs. R. F. Rorke visited Mrs. McKenzie to whom they were taking a quilt. They found her busy putting up fences!

Her pioneer experiences help her now for is she not still blazing the path? You can ask anyone, even little children miles away from home, and they can all direct you to Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. Kee, Presbyterial President, visited Selkirk, where they had a fine meeting. They have made three Life Members. She also visited Stonewall and showed slides to the Mission Band. She was accompanied by Bob Clark, a member of the Y.P.B.C. of Calvin Church, who is an expert lantern operator. This class has its own lantern and lends it out for missionary purposes. Mrs. Kee also visited Roland and found the Auxiliary very interested.

Stonewall, at their monthly meeting, sent out special invitations to their home helpers. Mrs. Hutchison addressed them and Miss Dixon sang. A social hour followed.

The new lantern slides are now ready and are very interesting.

The "Girls Friendly Club" were entertained at Calvin Church. Mrs. Hutchison addressed the meeting, and Mrs. T. Smart gave a paper on the Moslem women which was highly appreciated.

The Mission Band of Calvin Church resumed its meetings after the holidays under the leadership of Mrs. Smith. Miss Grace Leckie is assistant and organist.

A well attended harvest Thanksgiving tea was held in the home of Mrs. Holmes for Calvin Church W.M.S.

The C.G.I.T. of Calvin Church invited the W.M.S. to a most delightful Hallowe'en tea.

ONTARIO

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BROCKVILLE P.S.—The annual sectional meeting in connection with this Presbyterial was held on September 29th in East Oxford Church, with the Vice-President, Mrs. Cleland of South Mountain, presiding. The afternoon devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Magee and Mrs. H. Allen. A most inspiring opening address was given by Mrs. Cleland and excellent papers by Mrs. McCrea, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. W. J. Bell. Rev. Mr. Mackenzie presided at the evening meeting, warmly welcoming the ladies. Mrs. Riddell, President of the Presbyterial, gave a most impressive and earnest address followed by Rev. A. J. Fowlie on "The Work and What We Owe to the Missionary." The reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were of particular interest.

Guelph P.S.—The ladies of St. Andrew's and Knox Churches, united in entertaining to tea on October 7th the Y.W. Auxiliary, the leaders of the C.G.I.T. and Presidents of Mission Bands. Immediately after

tea the several groups assembled in separate rooms to discuss their own problems. Miss Cleghorn had charge of the Mission Bands, Mrs. Stewart of Acton, the Y.W. Auxiliaries, and Miss Oliver, the C.G.I.T. All gathered together about eight o'clock with Miss McLellan, Presbyterial President, presiding. Views of our various mission fields were shown by Mrs. Gamble, Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell of Honan, gave a most interesting talk also showing pictures. Rev. Mr. Matheson closed this interesting meeting with the benediction.

Maitland P.S.—Old friendships were renewed and new friends made by the members of the W.M.S. as they assembled to attend the sectional meeting in Ashfield Church. Mrs. Coombe, Kincardine, first Vice-President, presided, assisted by Mrs. McRae, President of Ashfield Auxiliary. Brief but interesting reports from Presidents of Auxiliaries, gave the most encouraging features and methods used for profitable meetings.

An inspiring message was given by Miss Rattee, of Toronto, and a splendid paper on "The Outlook and Our Task" by Mrs. John Pollock, of Whitechurch. Mrs. J. A. James, of South Kinloss, ably conducted the question drawer.

Superior P.S.—The executive met on October 18th in First Church, Port Arthur, Mrs. Hogarth presiding. All the departmental secretaries brought interesting and helpful reports, the Welcome and Welfare Secretary reporting that in the last quarter fifty Presbyterians had come into the district to reside.

Peterboro P.S.—St. Paul's Auxiliary reports a splendid Thank-offering with an inspiring address from Mrs. Dill, of Toronto, Mission Band Secretary of the Council. The offering reached all but $400.00 and was dedicated to the Lord's work by Mrs. Wm. Allan.

The Provincial Board held a two day session in St. Paul's Church, Bathurst St., Toronto, October 6th and 7th. Mrs. W. Rochester, President, presided. Delegates from almost all the Presbyterials were present. The reports were encouraging and recorded a steady growth in all departments. There are now in Ontario, 1,112 organizations, an increase of 59 since the beginning of the year, *viz.*—543 senior Auxiliaries, 17 Associate senior Societies, 115 Young Women's Auxiliaries with 4 Associate Societies, 309 Mission Bands and 99 C.G.I.T. Groups.

The special speakers were Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, who gave an interesting account of her recent visit to British Guiana, Mrs. R. C. Donald, General Treasurer, by whom the financial position of the Church was outlined and Miss W. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

The Board will not meet again till the Annual Meeting of the Society in April, 1928.

The Late Mrs. R. J. McLean

The Ontario Provincial Board suffered a very great loss in the passing of Mrs. R. J. McLean of Toronto, on October 23rd.

The late Mrs. McLean was a valued worker on this Board before the disruption and remaining faithful to her Church, continued her work of love as Vice-President after the re-organization. Her beautiful qualities of mind and heart fitted her for the highest honor that our Society can confer on its workers, that of President, but her physical frailty made it impossible for her to accept this onerous post. Her understanding sympathy, sublime faith, high courage and inspired messages have been a source of inspiration to all who were privileged to work with her. She gloried in being able to give help and cheer wherever she was called to go, and gave so freely of time and strength for the work of our W.M.S. and her own dearly loved Church. Her life and influence is something for which we are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father, whose will it has been to call her to her blessed reward, and while we regret her loss, we know that "with her it is far better to be forever with the Lord." Having been faithful unto death she has received the crown of life.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

Farewell to Miss Robson

Miss BERTHA ROBSON was the guest of honor at a delightful tea, given by the Courtesies Committee on Friday, October 28th, prior to her embarkation on the *S.S. Regina* which sailed at daybreak the following morning. Several ladies, led by Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Provincial President, voiced the sentiment of the gathering by assuring Miss Robson that her furlough had beeen an inspiration to the various Auxiliaries she had visited and wishing her God speed as she returned to India.

Provincial Board Meeting

Quebec Provincial Board held its semi-annual meeting on October 18th, in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, when the department Secretaries reported the work accomplished during the half year. A spirit of optimism was evinced in all the branches of the Society's activities, and the prospect of new work being opened up in the Province of Quebec was hailed with great satisfaction.

The Treasurer expects that the allocation will be met. She reported the funds in a satisfactory condition considering that no Thankofferings had yet been received. She urged that a sense of stewardship and loyalty be stressed, pointing out to the Auxiliaries the many open doors and the truth that proportionate giving is a means of grace.

There are 48 Auxiliaries in the Provincial, 35 being in Montreal P.S., and 13 in Quebec. Owing to the new relationship of the W.M.S. to the General Assembly, a copy of the Recording Secretary's annual report was forwarded to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. The Rev. A. S. Reid, in acknowledging it, congratulated the Society on the splendid work being done for the Church by the W.M.S.

Mrs. Grier reported increase in the membership of the Young Women's department, and that a splendid spirit was manifest. Mrs. F. Scott McKenzie, Secretary for Girls' Work and Mrs. Cyrus McMillan, Student Secretary, were welcomed.

There are 20 Mission Bands in Montreal Presbyterial and 5 in Quebec. As our Mission Band Secretary aims at a Band for each Auxiliary, there is considerable work before this goal is reached.

The Home Helpers' Secretary reported 93 new members.

Welcome and Welfare reported cases of need having been discovered and assistance given, work found, clothes distributed and families brought into Church connection. The Secretary urged that each Auxiliary have a Welcome and Welfare Secretary, so that boys and girls, young women, and even young men coming into the city, might be looked after.

Supplies were sent to Vegreville, to Miss McArthur's cupboard in the Windsor Station, Montreal, and to Miss Scott at Quebec. Some things had been held over for the New School Home in Huntingdon.

The Exchange Secretary sent in a list of papers forwarded to Presbyterial Secretaries. All available papers are out.

Eleven Life Memberships, 2 Honorary Memberships and one In Memoriam Subscription were reported since September 1st.

Miss Hugill spoke of her work in Montreal North where a Mission had been opened recently, and Miss Murray told of Tyndall House, the new Settlement in the heart of the down town district.

When put to the vote, the Board were unanimous in their approval of a Biennial Meeting of Council. It was decided that next March a full Board Meeting take the place of an Annual Provincial Meeting. Mrs. Owen Campbell gave the closing words.

Throughout both sessions it was evident that all the members of the Board had been profoundly touched by the sudden Home going of Dr. R. W. Dickie, and that their hearts were going out in sympathy to Mrs. Dickie and her family. The resignation of Mrs. Dickie, as first Vice-President of the Board, occasioned deep regret, as did that of Mrs. Ephraim Scott who has been Convener of the Nominating Committee for many years. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Quebec, Provincial Exchange Secretary, also withdrew owing to change of residence.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATOON.—The W.M.S. recently held an At Home for strangers in St. Andrew's Church. They later entertained members of the Cradle Roll and their mothers. Both of these activities were very successful. The removal of Mrs. W. A. Cameron to Toronto was a great loss to this Society. She was ever ready and willing to help, and her wise judgment in all matters will be greatly missed. At the September meeting plans were made for a shower of fruit and pickles for the School Home. Miss Pelton addressed the meeting on the work of the W.M.S. Rev. W. G. Brown addressed the Thank-offering meeting, October 13th.

Kindersley.—The annual Thank-offering service was held October 6th when twenty-five ladies were present including four from Coleville. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Grant, of Saskatoon, addressed the meeting, giving an encouraging report of the progress of the W.M.S. work. The offering amounted to $43.50.

Moose Jaw.—Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, addressed the C.G.I.T. in Knox Church and re-organized the St. Paul's Group. She gave a very interesting talk on the purpose of the C.G.I.T.

Regina.—Miss Edith Sinclair addressed the girls from First Presbyterian and the North side Sunday Schools on October 23rd. The result of this meeting was that the girls were organized under the leadership of Mrs. Tate. The teachers of teen-age girls in the same Sunday Schools expressed themselves as being much indebted to Miss Sinclair for the wonderful message she presented to them.

The members of the Regina Presbyterial, resident in the city, spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. G. B. Ralston, Monday, October 24th, when Miss Pelton reviewed with them her experiences in this Presbyterial.

The regular autumn Thank-offering service was held in First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evening, October 26th, when Miss Pelton addressed the meeting, centering her thoughts around the text, "And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." No one could go away from this meeting untouched by the necessity of missionary endeavor. The speaker drew attention to the fact that in our missionary activities we had passed the critical period and were now at the tedious stage of convalescence. Miss Pelton urged that we should not now relax in our efforts. The Thank-offering amounted to $100.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Olive Ross, of Fort McMurray, Mrs. H. C. Deeton, First Church Aux., Edmonton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

John Romaninla, Vegreville School Home; Verla Thompson, Annie Smith, Rosemary Tait, Jean Bishop, Westmount M.B., Edmonton.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Scott, Toronto, by their daughter, Mrs. K. Harkness, First Church Aux., Edmonton.

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Robert McRae, presented by a friend, First Ch. Aux., Edmonton.

British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Mary McDonald, Mount Pleasant Aux.; Miss Alma Burdick, missionary to Formosa, Fairview Aux., Vancouver.

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. R. Hall, Mrs. Jennie Duncan, Selkirk Aux.

JUNIOR MEMBER

Miss Olga Kordiak, Gonor M.B.

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Sarah MacRae, Kenyon Aux.; Mrs. Agnes Bell, Mrs. David L. Fleming, St. Andrew's Aux., Belleville; Mrs. Archie Kirkland, Teeswater Aux.; Mrs. W. J. Welch, Knox Aux., Harriston; Mrs. P. Rixon, Vernonville Aux.; Mrs. Margaret Law, St. Andrew's Aux., Galt; Mrs. W. King, Knox Aux., Vaughan; Mrs. P. H. Bastendorff, Burns Aux., Milverton; Mrs. Margaret Todd, Westminster Aux., Smith's Falls; Mrs. Conley, Winchester Aux.; Mrs. James Moffat, Mrs. Allen Smirl, Morewood Aux.; Mrs. Duncan McGillivray, Paisley Aux.; Mrs. Catherine E. Reid, Mrs. Minnie M. Hall, Dunnville Aux.; Mrs. John Harkley, Miss Lucy L. Wettlaufer, Walkerton Aux.; Mrs. Thomas Ellis, Innerkip Aux.; Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Westminster Aux., Paisley; Mrs. J. C. Sinclair, Knox Aux., Guelph; Mrs. Helen Pittuck, Cobourg Aux.; Mrs. Thomas Connell, Alliston Aux.; Miss Isabel Ferguson, St. David's Aux., Campbellville; Mrs. Thos. Poulson, Mrs. M. W. Brandon, Mrs. John Lee, Fenelon Falls Aux.; Miss Mary Stokes, Uxbridge Aux.; Miss Cora May Kennedy, Miss Margaret Stewart, Dovercourt Rd. Y. W. Aux., Toronto; Miss Annie Dowd, Mrs. A. S. Kirkland, Mrs. W. S. Parry, Dovercourt Rd. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. W. H. MacDonald, Sloan Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Edith McQuarrie, St. Andrew's Aux., Maple; Mrs. H. Dempster, Miss Eliza Petch, Cooke's Y. W. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. M. D. Newans, Mrs. Robert Armstrong, Wallace Aux., Cooke's Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Miss Jean M. Cummings, overseas service, Miss Lily A. Simpson, overseas service, Miss Mary D. Cuddy, Canora, Sask., Mrs. Adam Ballantyne, Calvin Aux., Toronto.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Lillian Wilson, "Fuller Sunbeam" Mission Circle, Thomasburg; Audry Jean Sherwood, Stratford M.B.; Margaret McBride, "Sunbeam" M.B, St. John's Ch., Toronto, 5th payment; Jean McKay, Sunbeam M.B., Smith's Falls; Jack McNab of Port Credit, "Goforth" M.B., Arthur; John Moorehead, Arthur Blakely, Beverley Paterson, William Kerr, "McLaren" M. B., Brampton.

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Overmatter.—Life Members, Letters, articles, additions to Annual Report have been held over for lack of space.

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Rebate from Canora School Home	41.00	Persian Work in Canada	150.00
Government Grant for the Cecilia Jeffery Indian Boarding School	2,748.07	Indian School "Cecilia Jeffery"	307.44
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS		Indian School, Birtle	382.97
British Columbia	450.00	New Liskeard School Home	110.55
Manitoba	800.00	Saskatoon School Home	233.30
Ontario	11,000.00	Prince Albert School Home	60.00
Quebec	2,800.00	Vegreville School Home	610.60
Saskatchewan	324.08	Social Service	915.02
		India	1,404.91
		South China	241.66
		Formosa	2,073.88
		British Guiana	120.00
		Publication	441.89
		Organization	263.90
		Miscellaneous	207.72
		Christian Literature	50.00
		Administration	3,031.81
	$19,028.15		$12,528.56

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand, September 30th, 1927	$26,321.34	
Receipts	19,028.15	
Disbursements		$12,528.56
Pension Fund		5,080.43
Sustaining Fund		10,098.46
Legacy Fund		3,636.29
Bank		13,132.92
Cash on hand		872.83
	$45,349.49	$45,349.49

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